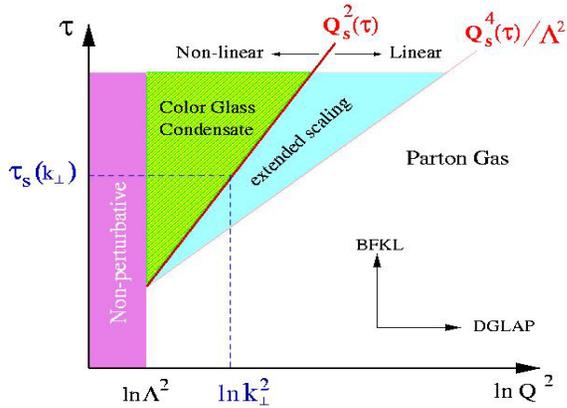


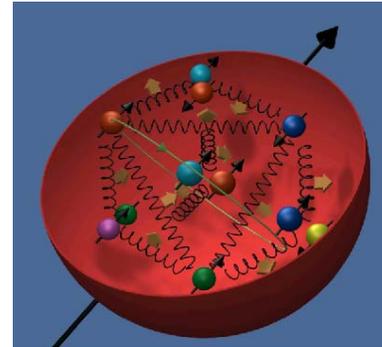


# STAR Multi-Year Beam Use Request For

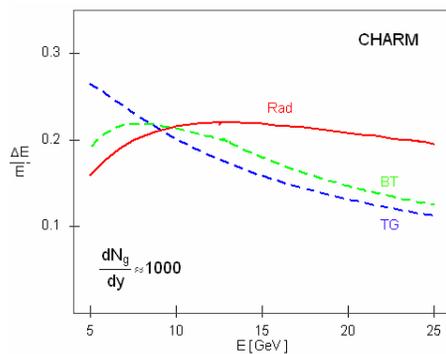
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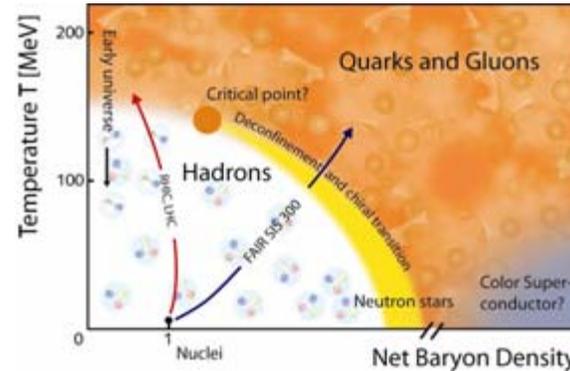
Runs 8 & 9



Run 9



Run 10



Tim Hallman for the STAR Collaboration

Brookhaven National Laboratory

March 29-30, 2007



## Beam Use Proposal Run 8 – Run 10

Run	Energy	System	Goal
8	$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$	d + Au	(10 + 2 weeks) 30/60 nb <sup>-1</sup> sampled*
	$\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$	p <sub>→</sub> p <sub>→</sub> , p <sub>↑</sub> p <sub>↑</sub>	(~12 + 2 weeks)
	$\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$	p <sub>↑</sub> p <sub>↑</sub>	~ 3 days pp2pp
	$\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}$	pp	Commissioning**
9	$\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200 \text{ GeV}$	Au + Au	(8 + 2 weeks)
	$\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$	p <sub>→</sub> p <sub>→</sub> , p <sub>↑</sub> p <sub>↑</sub>	(~14 + 2 weeks)
	$\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$	p <sub>→</sub> p <sub>→</sub>	~ 3 days pp2pp
	$\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}$	pp	Commissioning**
10	Low $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$	Au + Au	12 + 3 weeks
	$\sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV}$	p <sub>→</sub> p <sub>→</sub>	8 + 3 weeks

\* First number with slow detectors, second number with fast detectors

\*\* Contingent on achieving primary physics goals early



# The “big picture” physics goals of the proposed program are:

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Run 8

Definitive results on the saturation scale for the gluon distribution in relativistic heavy nuclei

Decisive test of gluon saturation as the origin of particle suppression at forward pseudo-rapidity

First significant measurement of the  $x$  dependence of gluon polarization in the proton,  $\Delta G(x)$ ; new insight into transverse spin/motion preferences of quarks/gluon

Qualitative advance in study of pp elastic scattering

Measurements that will provide qualitatively new insights into the properties of

the nucleon

the nucleus

dense QCD matter



# Physics Driving Proposal for Run 8

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Qualitative advance in study of pp elastic scattering

Measurements at RHIC in Run 8 which address these questions can result in a sea change in our understanding of the initial conditions in RHIC (LHC) HI collisions and the helicity preference of gluons in the proton as a function of momentum fraction

## Enabling Developments

The STAR Forward Meson Spectrometer (FMS) will be fully commissioned (and producing physics) prior to Run 8

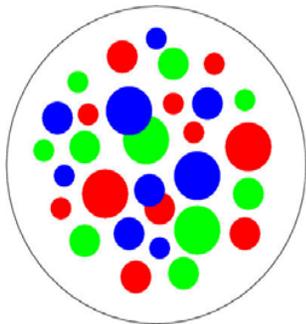
No extraordinary assumptions about machine capability beyond what C-AD has projected or already achieved are necessary



# The science driving d+Au running

Definitive results on the saturation scale for the gluon distribution in relativistic heavy nuclei

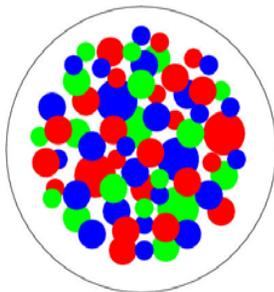
Decisive test of gluon saturation as the origin of particle suppression at forward pseudorapidity



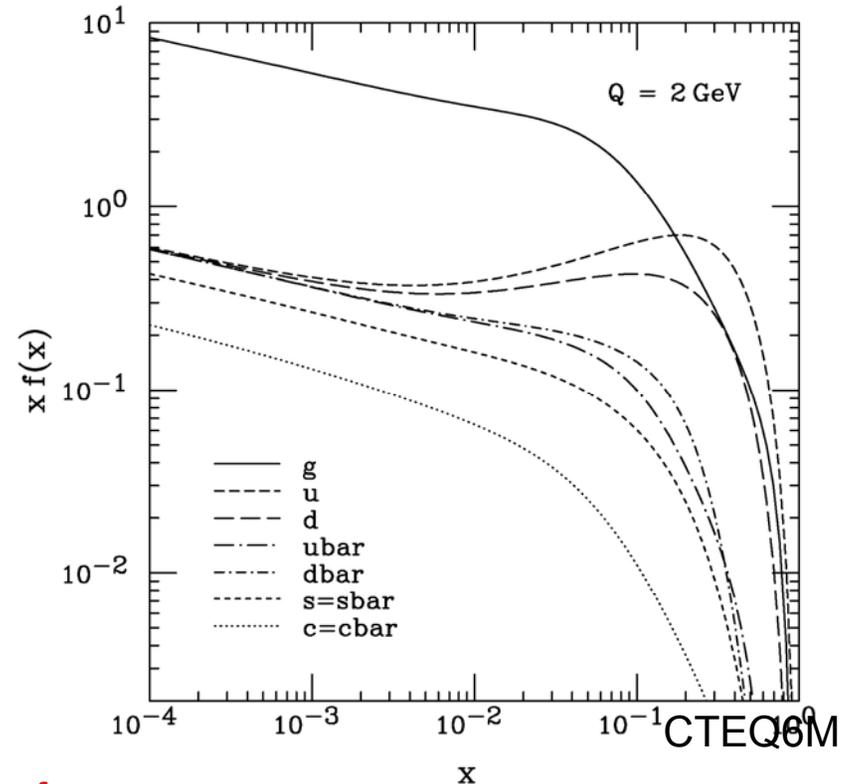
Mid Rapidity



$$x \sim \frac{2 p_T}{\sqrt{s}} e^{-y}$$



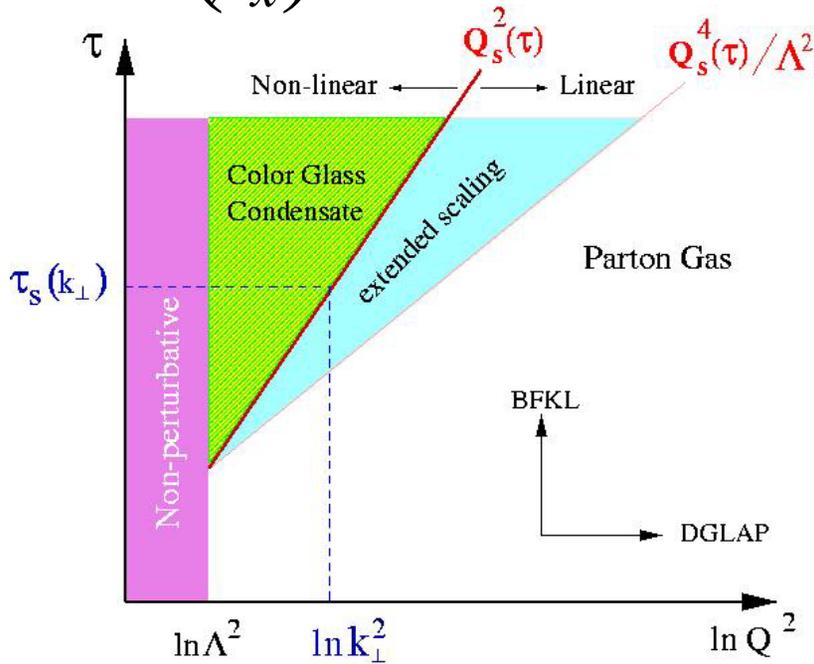
Forward Rapidity



Gluon density can't grow forever.

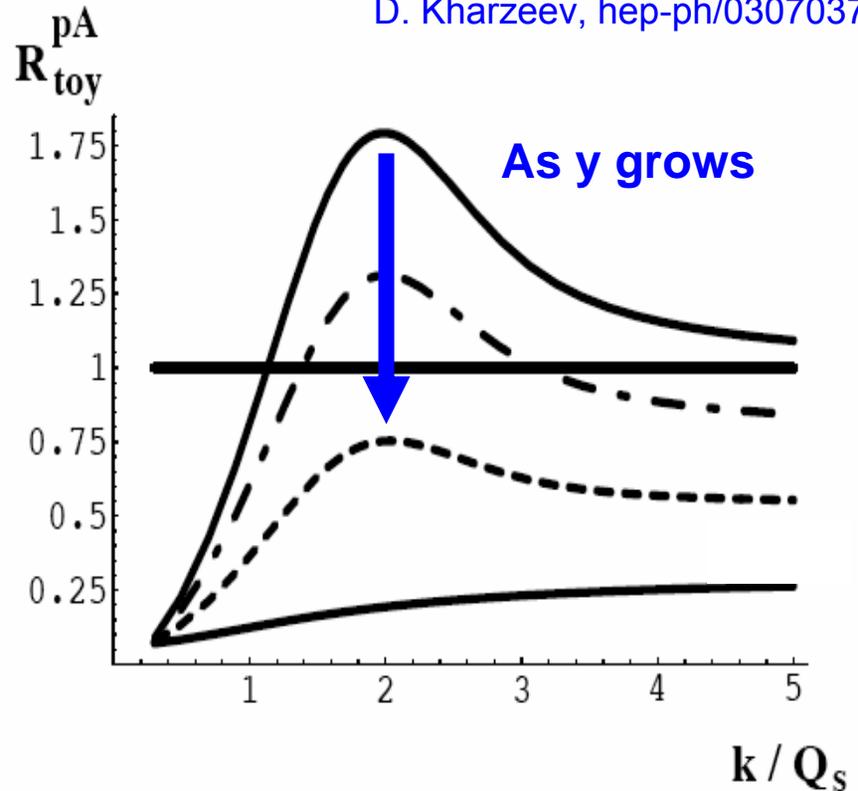
Saturation must set in at forward rapidity when gluons start to overlap.

$\tau = \ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$   $\tau$  related to rapidity of produced hadrons.



Iancu and Venugopalan, hep-ph/0303204

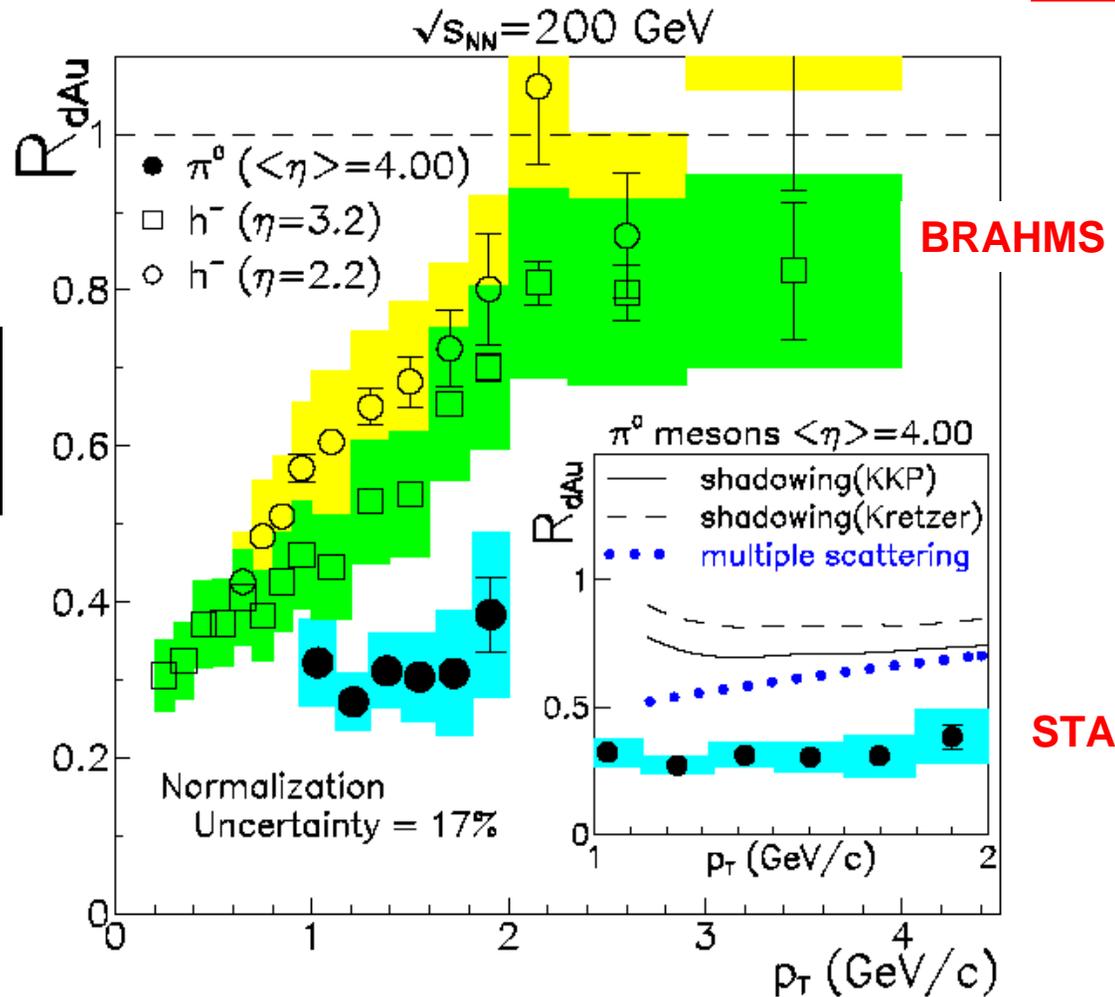
D. Kharzeev, hep-ph/0307037



Is there evidence for **gluon saturation at RHIC energies?**

PRL 97, 152302

$$R_{dAu} = \frac{1}{2 * 197} \frac{\sigma_{dAu}}{\sigma_{pp}}$$



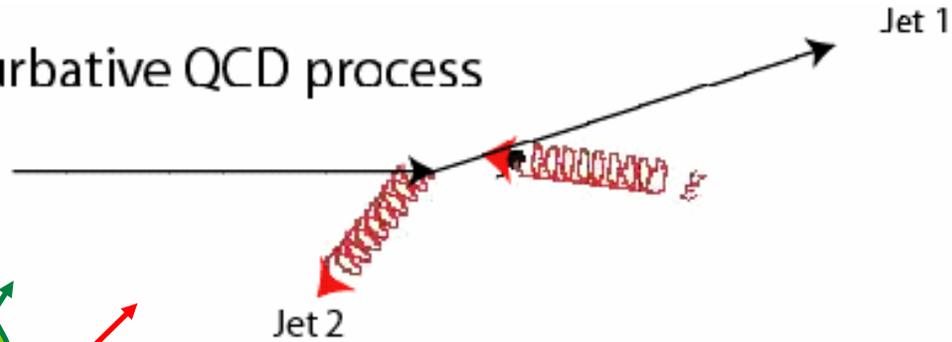
- Observe significant rapidity dependence, similar to expectations from the saturation framework.
- **pQCD calculations significantly over predict  $R_{dAu}$ .**



# Correlations, a definitive test: the difference between p+p and d+Au

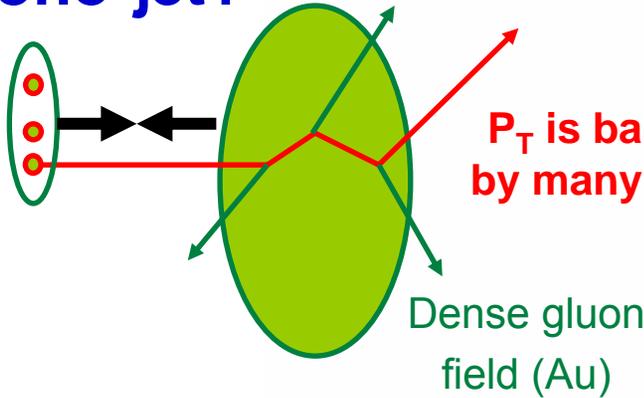
p+p: **Di-jet**

Perturbative QCD process



d+Au: **Mono-jet?**

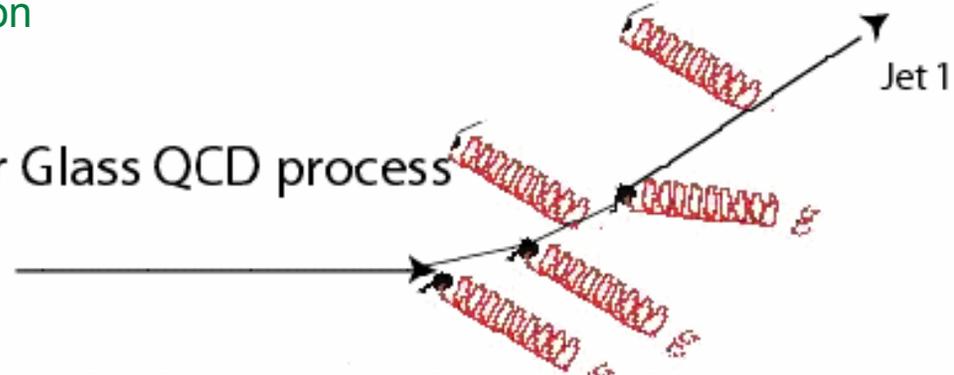
Dilute parton system (deuteron)



$P_T$  is balanced by many gluons

Kharzeev, Levin, McLerran gives physics picture (NPA748, 627)

Color Glass QCD process

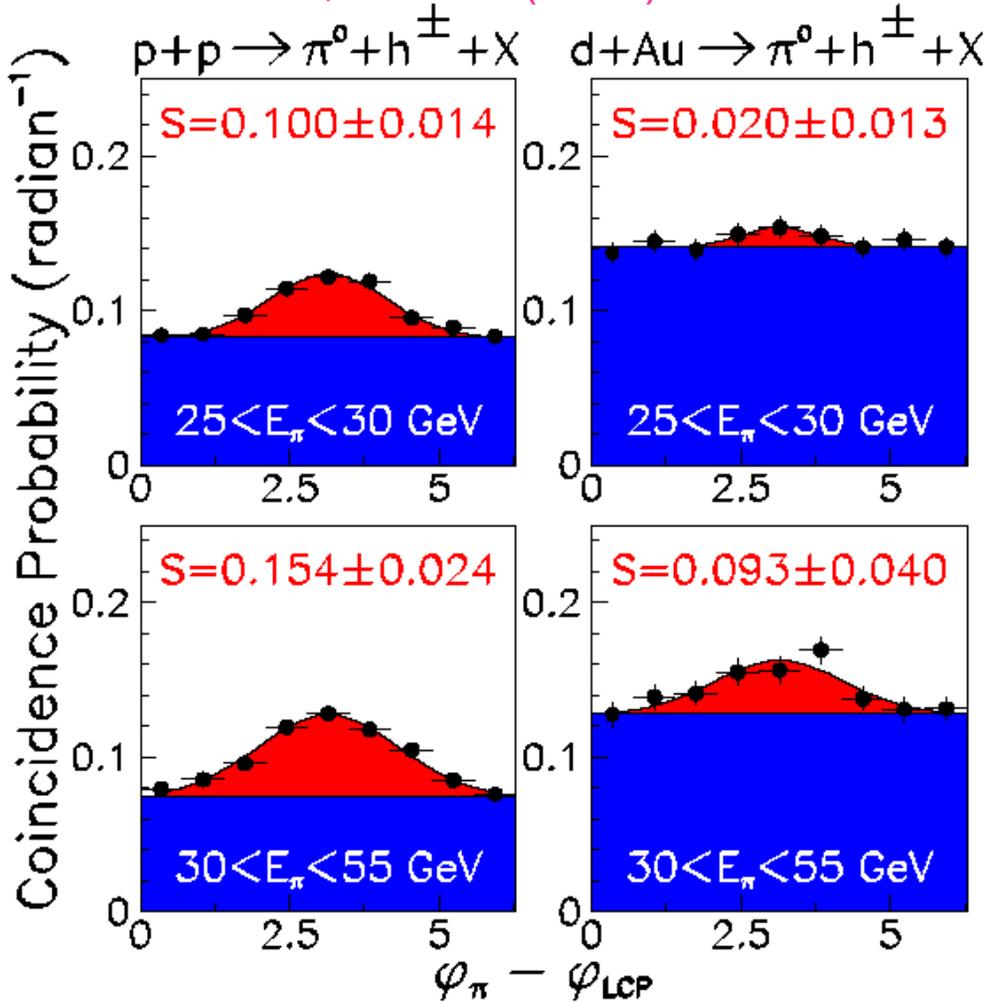


Color glass condensate predicts that the **back-to-back correlation** from p+p **should be suppressed**



# An initial glimpse: correlations in d+Au

PRL 97, 152302 (2006)



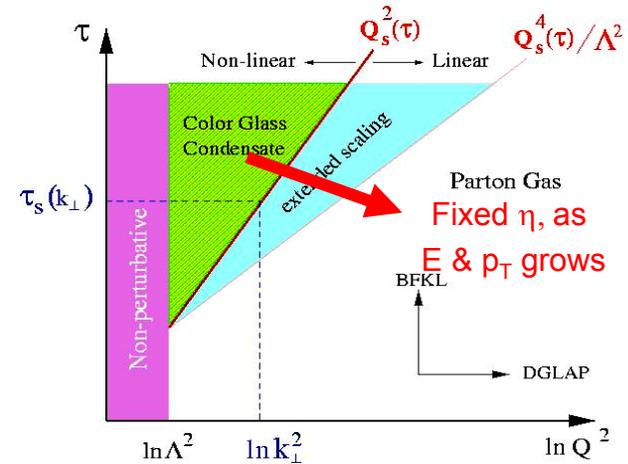
$\pi^0$ :  $|\langle \eta \rangle| = 4.0$   
 $h^\pm$ :  $|\eta| < 0.75$ ;  $p_T > 0.5 \text{ GeV}/c$

• are suppressed at small  $\langle x_F \rangle$  and  $\langle p_{T,\pi} \rangle$

consistent with CGC picture

$\langle p_{T,\pi} \rangle \sim 1.0 \text{ GeV}/c$

$\langle p_{T,\pi} \rangle \sim 1.3 \text{ GeV}/c$



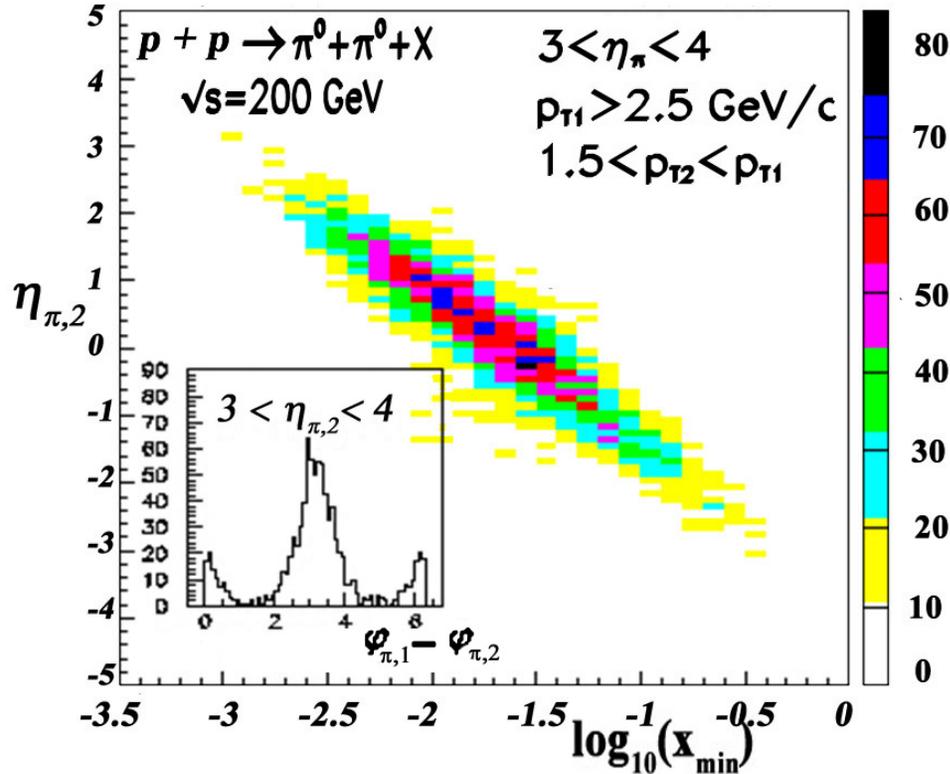
• are similar in d+Au and p+p at larger  $\langle x_F \rangle$  and  $\langle p_{T,\pi} \rangle$

As expected by HIJING



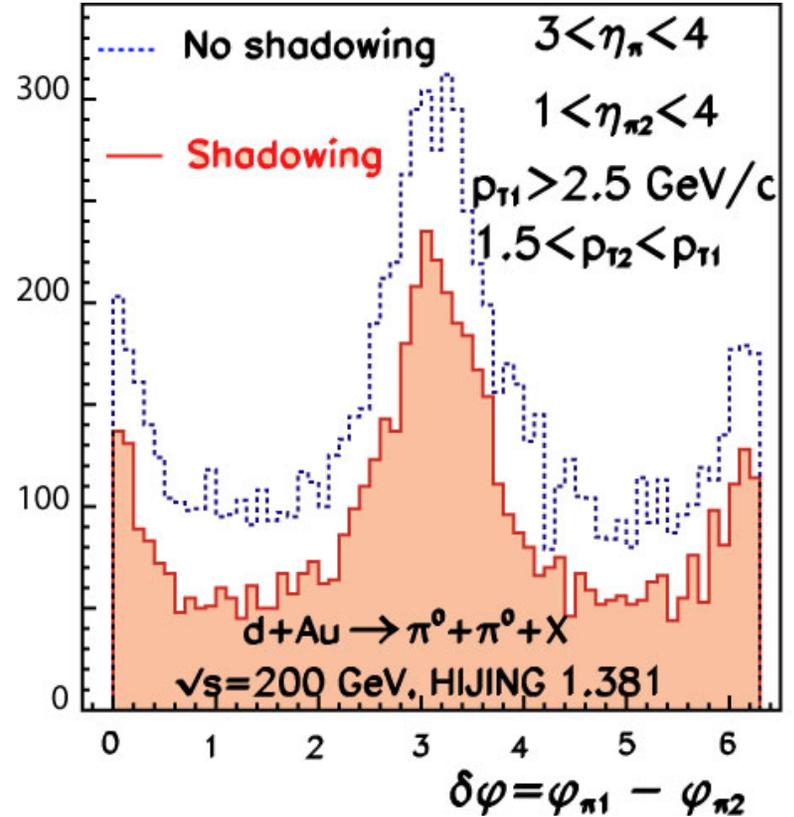
# p+p and d+Au → π<sup>0</sup>+π<sup>0</sup>+X correlations with forward π<sup>0</sup>

p+p in PYTHIA



d+Au in HIJING

hep-ex/0502040



Conventional shadowing will **change yield, but not coincidence structure.**

Coherent effects such as CGC evolution will **change the structure.**

Sensitive to  $x_g \sim 10^{-3}$  in pQCD scenario; **few  $\times 10^{-4}$  in CGC scenario.**



## *World-wide interest in this science? QM06 abstracts...*

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CGC, Full 3-D Hydro, and Hadronic Cascade

Hyrano, Heinz, Kharzeev, Lacey, Nara

Jet Tomographic Tests of the CGC Initial State at RHIC and LHC

Adil, Gyulassy

Forward Nuclear Modification Form Factor in Au-Au and Cu-Cu Collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 62.4$  GeV

Larsen

Centrality Dependence of Charge Hadron Spectra  $p_T$  at Forward Rapidities in Cu-Cu Collisions at  $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$

Bekele

System Size and Rapidity Dependence of the Nuclear Modification Factor

Karabowicz

Does the Cronin Peak Disappear?

Barnaf, L'evaia, Papp, Fai, Cole

Are Jets Quenched in Cold Nuclei?

Vitev

Identified Particle Nuclear Modification Factors at Rapidity = 2-3.8 in Au-Au Collisions at  $s_{NN} = 200$  GeV

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## *World-wide interest in this science? QM06 abstracts...*

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Nuclear-Induced Particle Suppression at Large XF at RHIC

Lee

Heavy Flavor Production in pA Collisions with the MV + BK Framework

Fujii, Gelis, Venugopalan

Multiplicity Fluctuations in Cu-Cu and Au-Au Collisions at RHIC

Woźniak

Are there Mono-jets in High Energy Proton-Nucleus Collisions

Borghini, Gelis

Energy Dependence of Nuclear Suppression in the Fragmentation Region

Tywoniuk, Arsene, Bravina, Kaidalov, Zabrodin

QQbar Production in pA Collisions at RHIC and the LHC

Albacete, Kovchegov, Tuchin

Identified Hadron Production in d+Au and p+p Collisions at RHIC

Yang

Probing small-x gluons and large-x quarks: jet-like correlations between forward and mid-rapidity in pp, d+Au, and Au-Au Collisions from STAR

Molnara



## *World-wide interest in this science? QM06 abstracts...*

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Nuclear Modification to parton Evolution and onset of parton saturation

Kang, Qiu

Early Time Evolution of High Energy Heavy Ion Collisions

Fries, Kapusta, Li

Multiplicity Fluctuations in Cu-Cu and Au-Au Collisions at RHIC

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Probing partonic distribution functions in nucleons and nuclei with Forward Calorimeters in the PHENIX Experiment at RHIC

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Low-x QCD with CMS at CERN-LHC

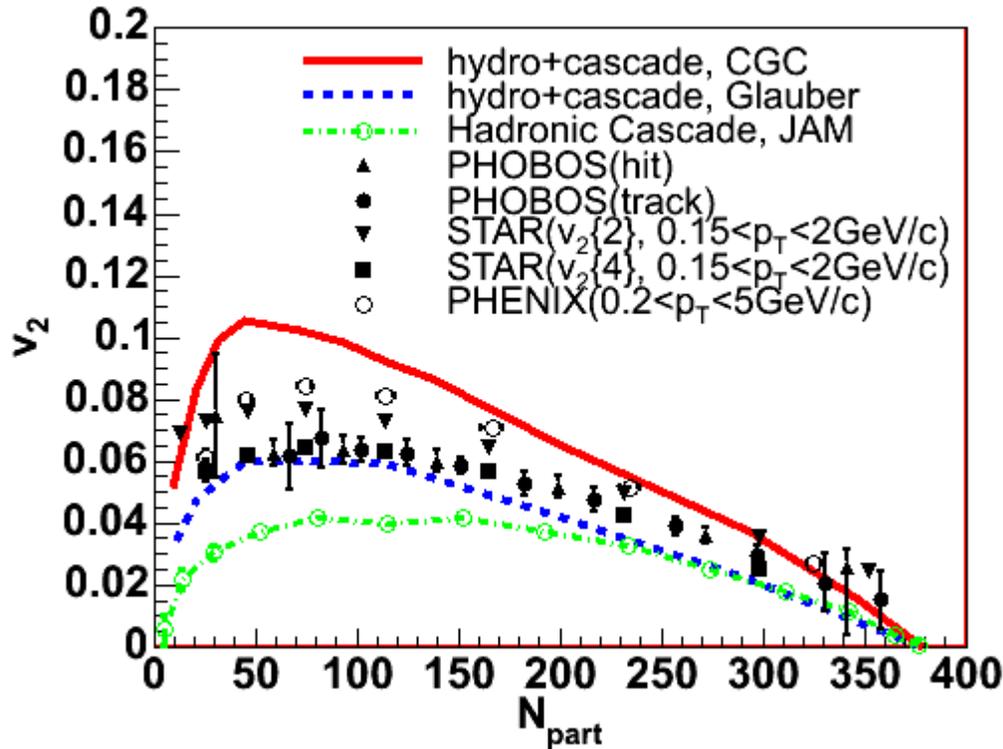
This is discovery physics of broad interest to the programs at RHIC and the LHC



Another urgent d+Au question:

$v_2$  and the hydro limit--Glauber vs Color Glass Condensate

Hirano et al, PLB 636, 299



CGC



Glauber

CGC: Treats the nucleus as a saturated gluon field

Effects initial eccentricity of the overlap zone

- Do we have Glauber matter distribution + perfect liquid, or Color Glass Condensate distribution + viscous matter?
- Understanding the initial state is **crucial to understand what we are seeing in the final state**



# The short summary:

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It is time to stop guessing. The proposed d+Au run will:

- Determine the saturation scale for the gluon distribution in heavy nuclei
- Provide a decisive test of gluon saturation as the origin of particle suppression at forward pseudorapidity
- Provide an important reference for the D, B meson studies in Au+Au

This research is compelling to:

Understand the initial state conditions for relativistic heavy nuclei at RHIC and confirm our understanding of multiplicities and rapidity dependence

Understand how thermalization appears to be established so quickly at RHIC

Understand whether we have really reached the hydro limit for  $v_2$

Understand mid-rapidity particle production at the LHC in the future



# Status of STAR Forward Meson Spectrometer upgrade

Some materials (Pb glass, tubes & original configuration not available on necessary time scale

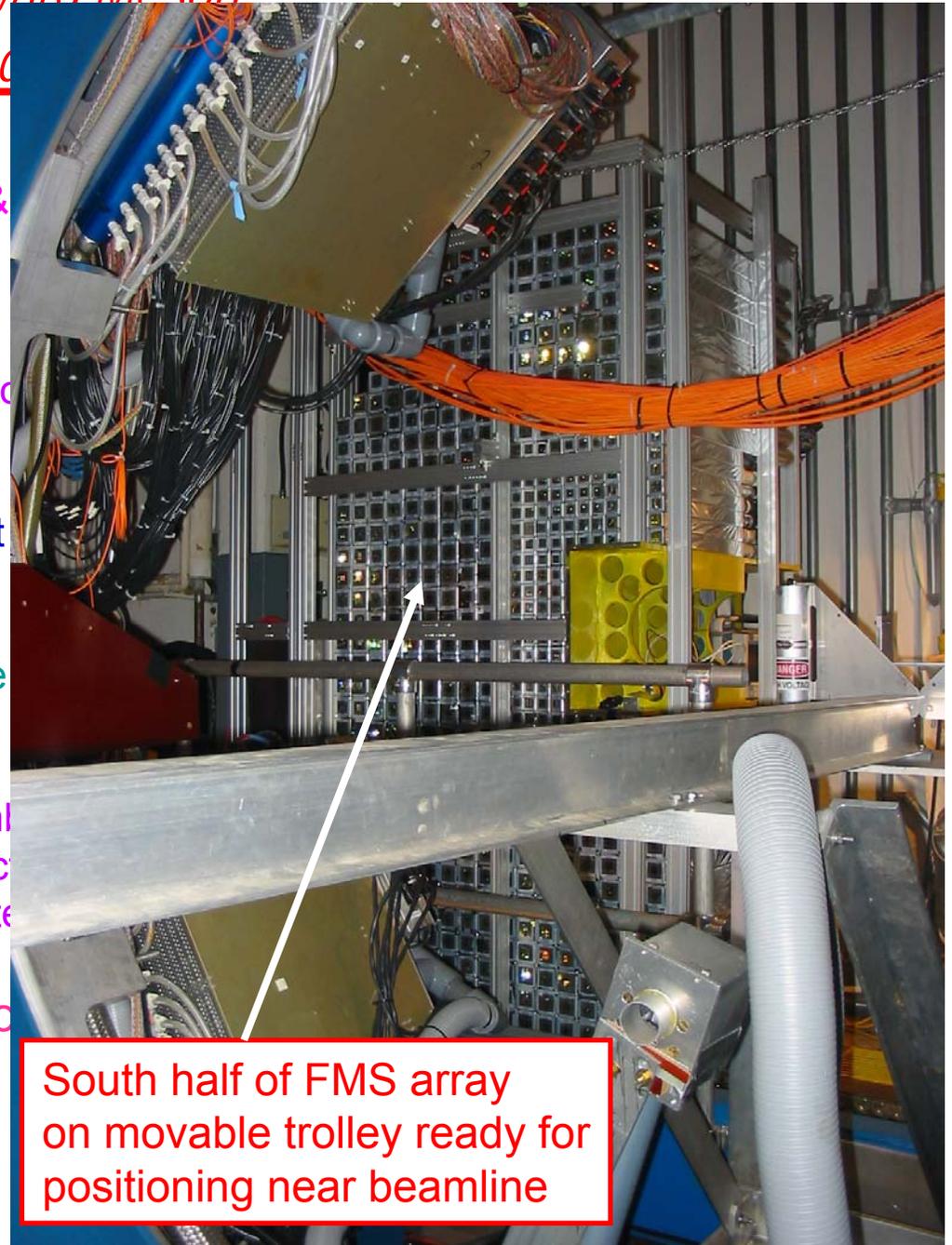
Construction of revised configuration complete

PMT base construction carried out Penn State

Sizeable student team (5 graduate undergraduate) "in harness"

Readout electronics in final assembly at Space Science Lab; camac electronics utilized for initial shake-down in inter

FMS commissioned and pro physics in Run 7



South half of FMS array on movable trolley ready for positioning near beamline



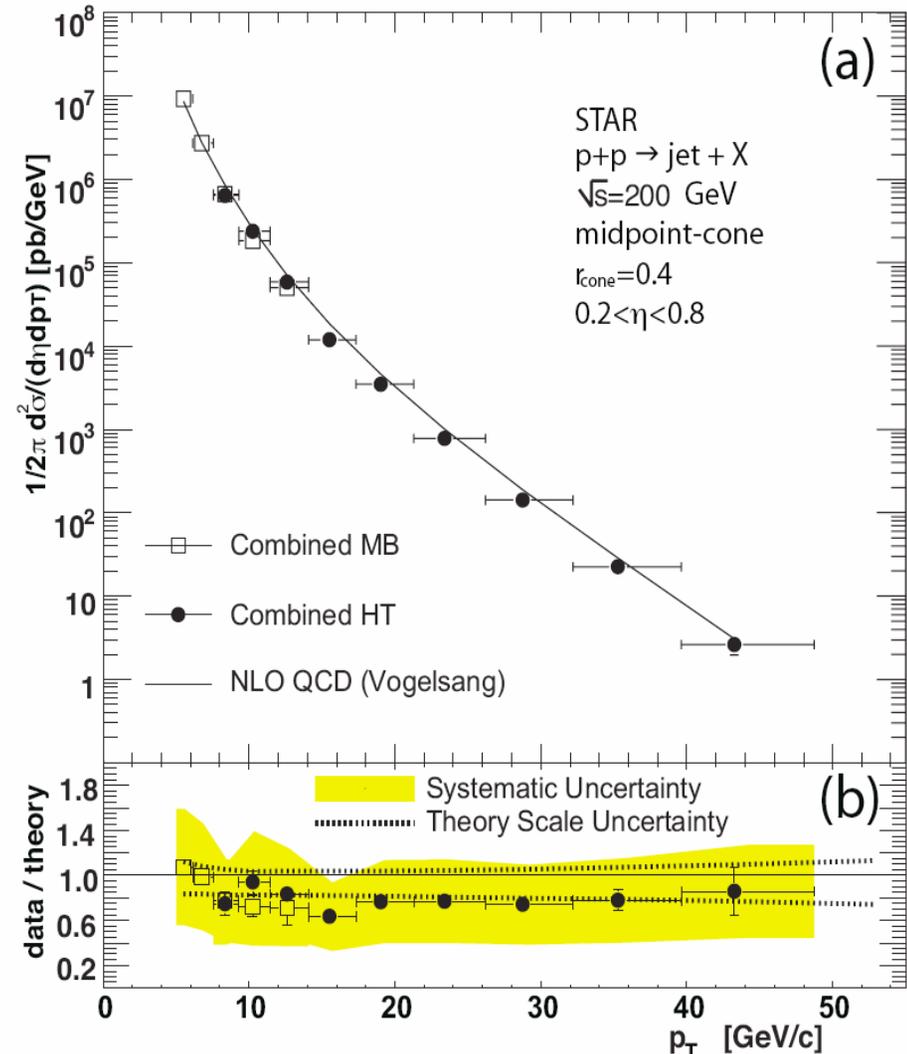
# STAR longitudinal spin program - Results

## First inclusive jet cross section result at RHIC

### 2003+2004 p+p runs

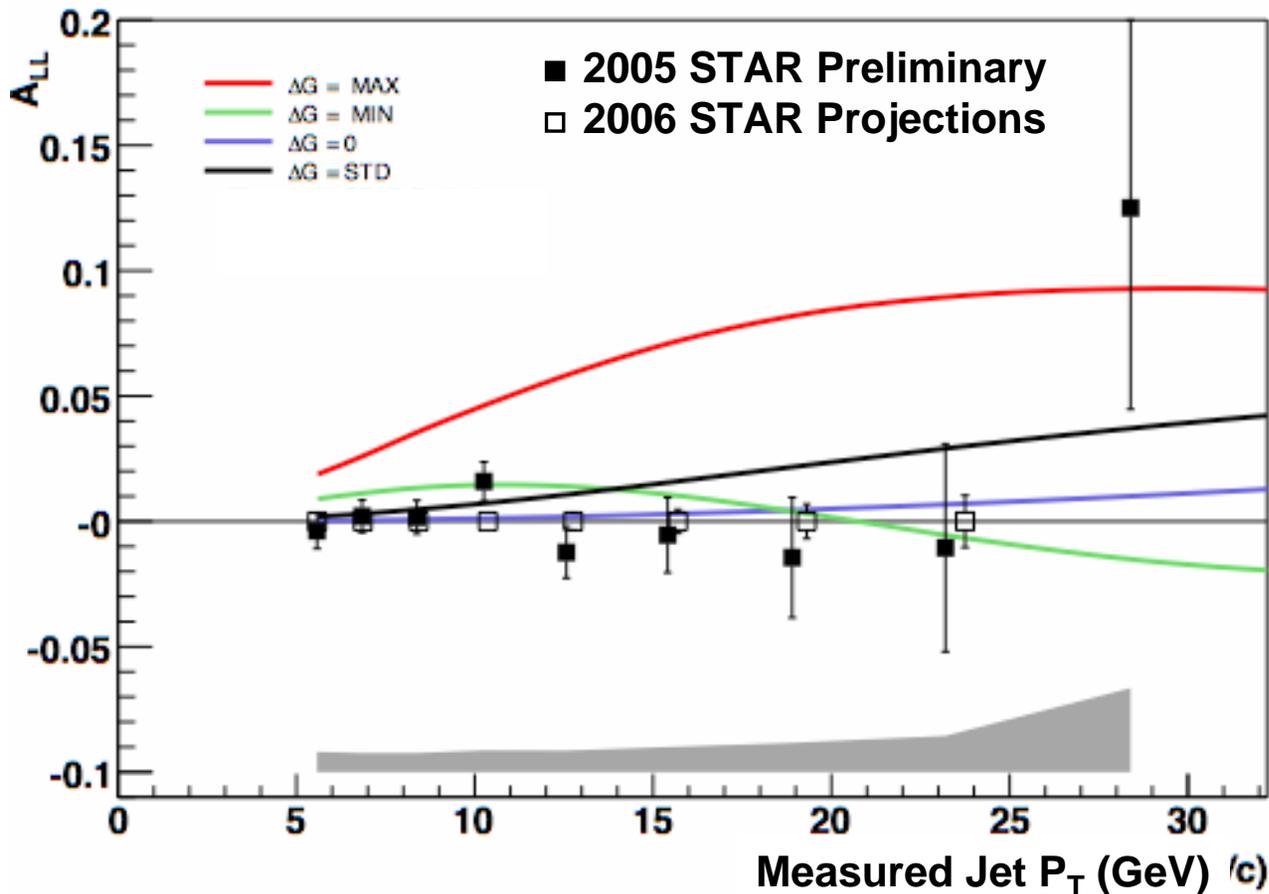
- Sampled luminosity:  $\sim 0.16 \text{ pb}^{-1}$
- Good agreement between MB and HT data
- Good agreement with NLO over 7 orders of magnitude
- Agreement with NLO calculation within systematic uncertainty

PRL 97, 252001 (2006)



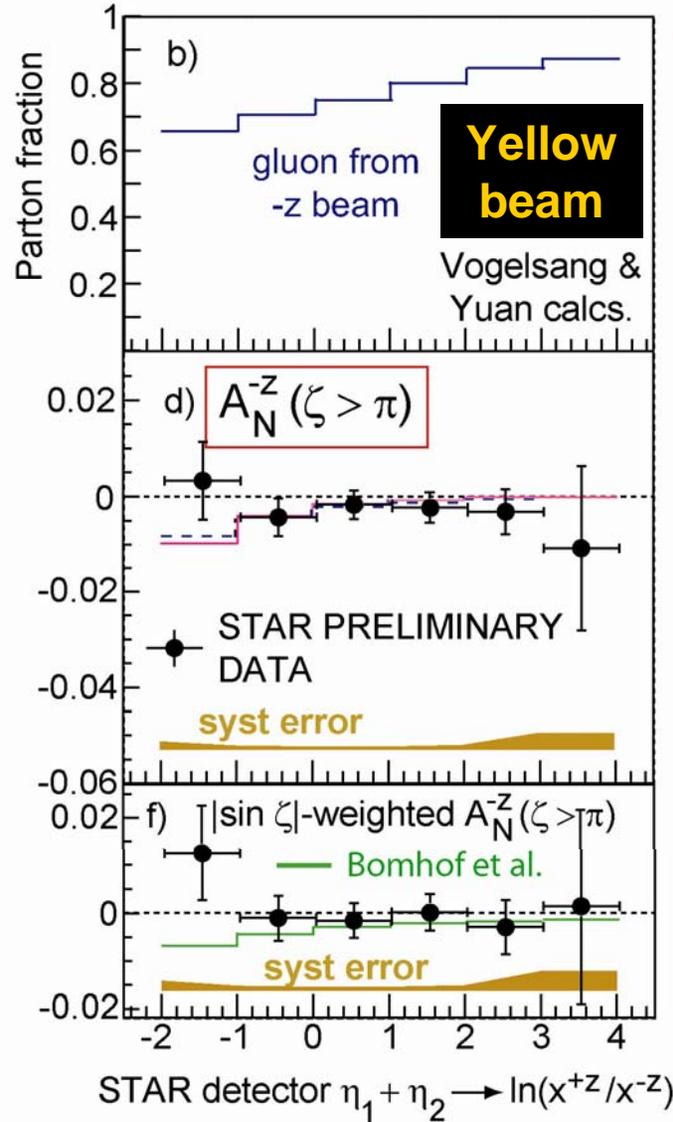
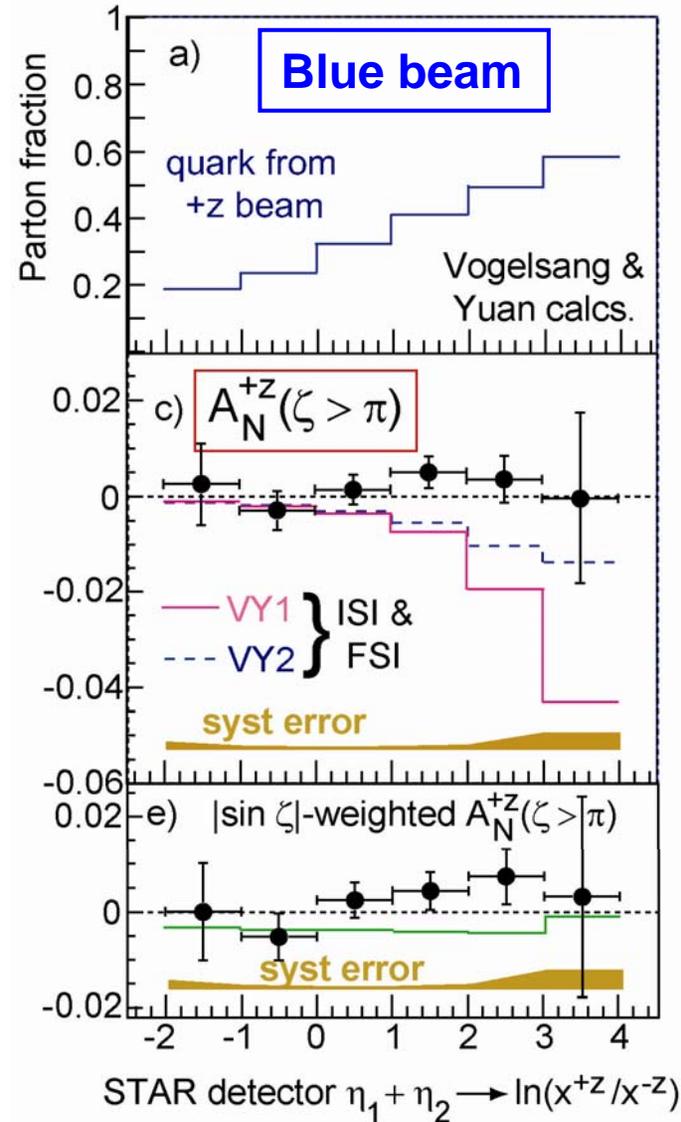


$A_{LL}$  published (Run 3+4), preliminary (Run 5), and projected Run 6 results on inclusive jet production in p+p collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 200\text{GeV}$



These results will place a world-class constraint on gluon polarization in the proton,  $\Delta G$

# Run 6 Di-Jet Sivers Results vs. Jet Pseudorapidity Sum



★ STAR Preliminary

First shown at Spin'06

➤  $A_N$  of di-jet acoplanarity is sensitive to spin-dependent transverse motion preferences – Sivers effect

**STAR  $A_N$  all consistent with zero  $\Rightarrow$  both net high- $x$  parton and low- $x$  gluon Sivers effects  $\sim 10\times$  smaller in  $\vec{p}_p \rightarrow$  di-jets than SIDIS quark Sivers asym.!**

# Theory of Transverse SSA Developing Very Rapidly!

## Di-jet SSA Post-dictions shrinking!

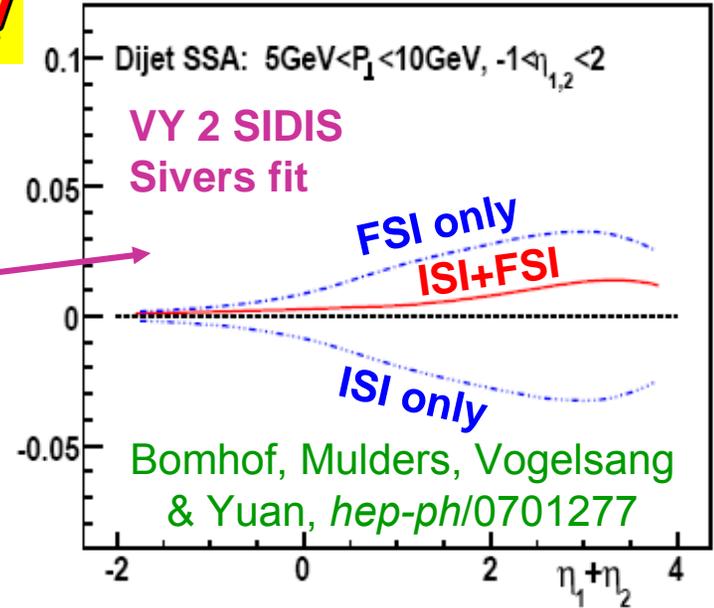
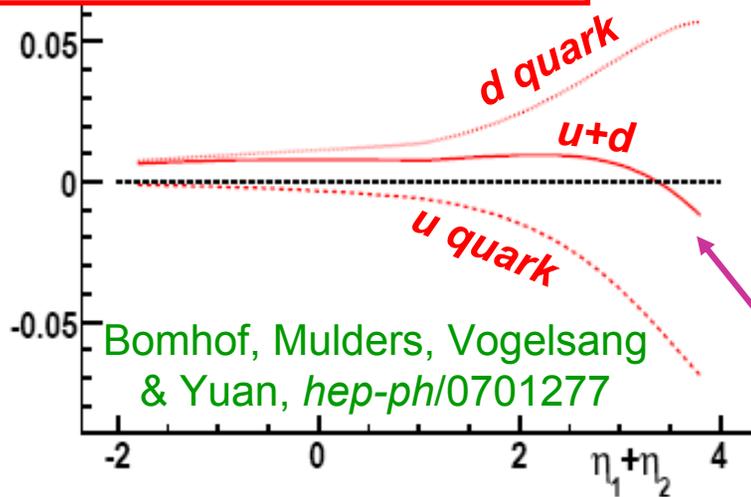
Bacchetta, Bomhof, Mulders & Pijlman  
[PRD 72, 034030 (2005)] deduce gauge link  
structure for  $pp \rightarrow \text{jets, hadrons}$ :

$$\Rightarrow A_N(\text{ISI+FSI}) \approx -0.5 A_N(\text{ISI})$$

$\Rightarrow$  Gauge links more robust for SSA  
weighted by  $\sum p_T$  for 2 jets, or  $|\sin \zeta|$

Sivers fcns. from twist-3  $qg$  correl'n  
hadron

Possible test: flavor  
dependence of leading  
charged hadrons



Ji, Qiu, Vogelsang & Yuan [PRL 97, 082002 (2006)] show strong overlap  
between Sivers effects & twist-3 quark-  
gluon (Qiu-Sterman) correlations:

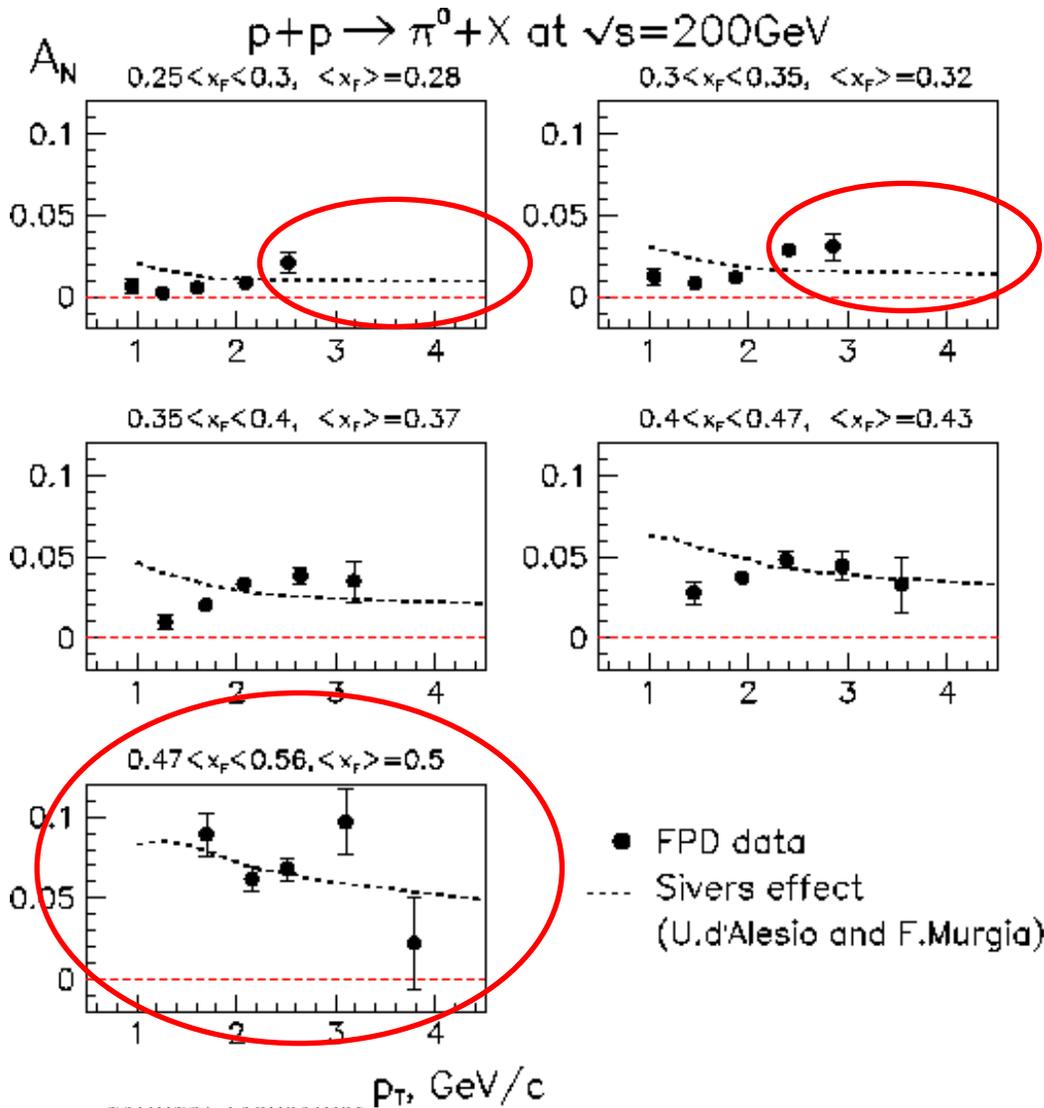
$\Rightarrow$  twist-3 fits to  $A_N(\vec{p}+p \rightarrow \text{fwd. } h)$  can  
constrain Sivers fcn. moment relevant  
to weighted di-jet SSA

$\Rightarrow$  Kouvaris et al. [PRD 74, 114013  
(2006)] fits give nearly complete  $u$  vs.  $d$   
cancellation in weighted di-jet SSA

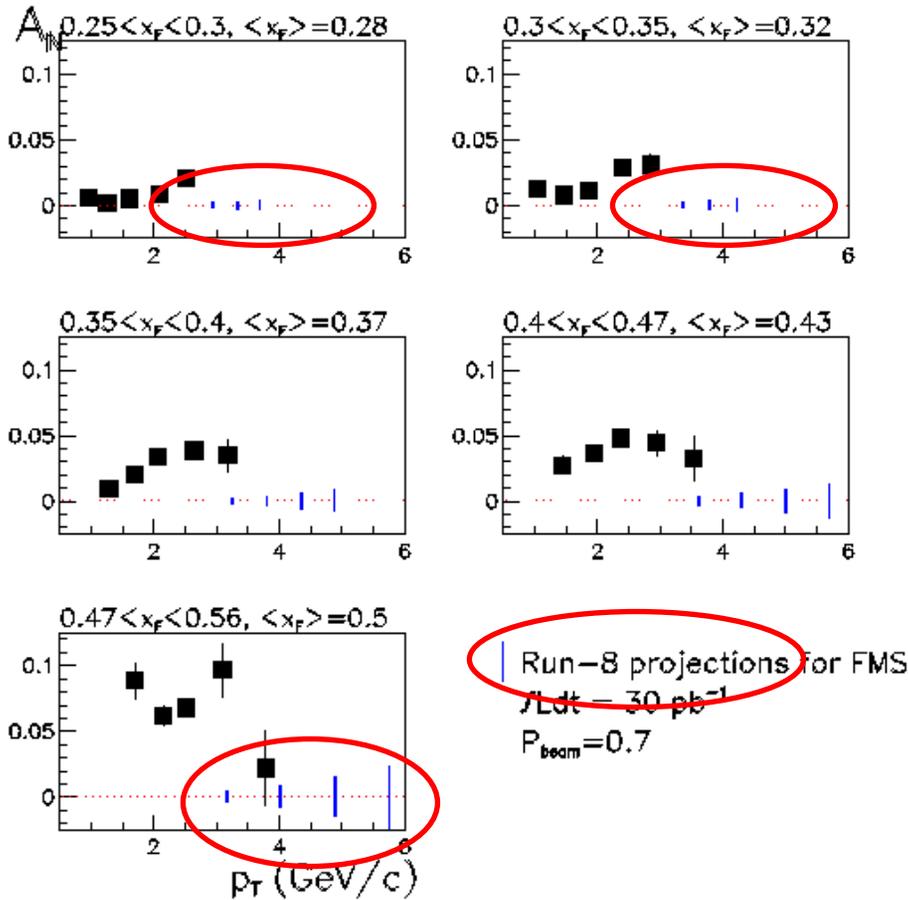
# Forward $\pi^0$ $A_N(p_T)$ for bins in $x_F$



STAR Preliminary, first shown at Spin'06



- Combined data from three runs at  $\langle \eta \rangle = 3.3, 3.7$  and  $4.0$
- In each  $x_F$  bin,  $\langle x_F \rangle$  does not significantly change with  $p_T$
- $A_N$  increases with  $p_T$  in each bin at least up to  $\sim 2.5 \text{ GeV}/c$ , well into the regime where pQCD describes the cross section
- But model calculations had expected  $A_N$  to fall with  $p_T$  throughout this region
- Higher precision and extended kinematic coverage will help elucidate the underlying dynamics



FMS will provide a dramatic improvement in precision over existing results

Additional physics with the FMS:

- Spin-dependent near-side correlations ( $\pi^0-\pi^0$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  separation of Sivers and Collins effects
- Spin-dependent away-side correlations ( $\pi^0$ -jet)  
 $\Rightarrow$  isolation of Sivers effect
- Embark on spin-dependent inclusive  $\gamma$  and  $\gamma$ +jet

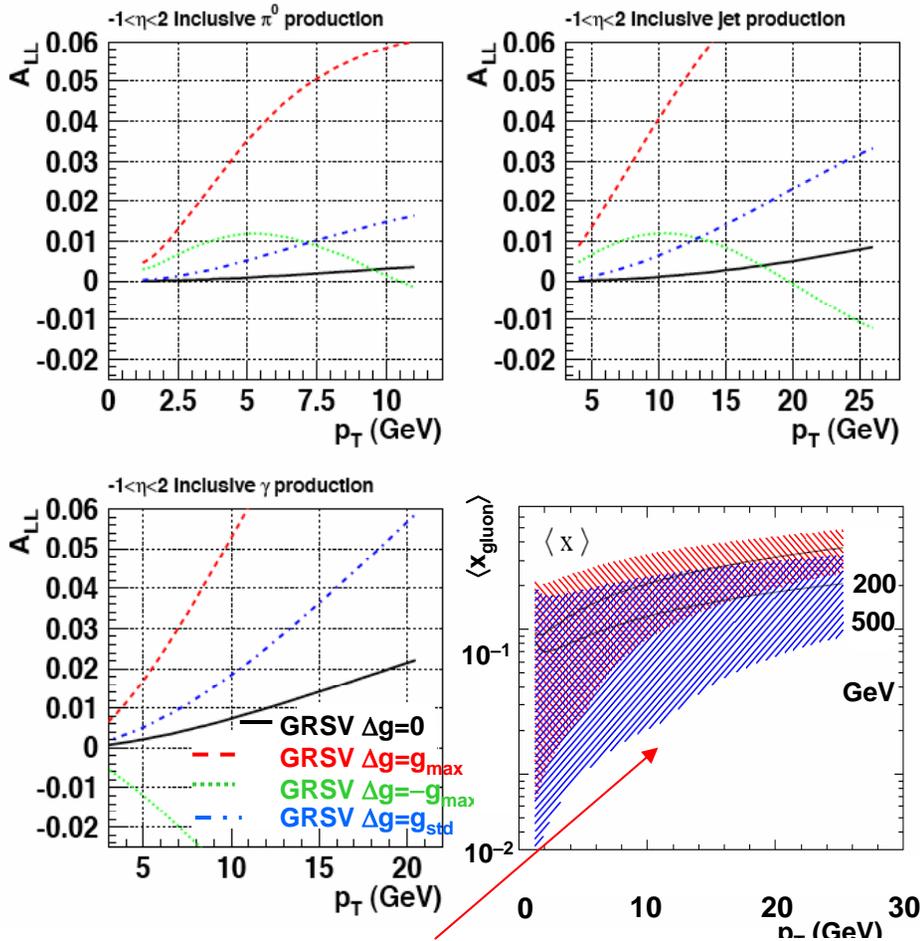
Concurrent measurements will explore the leading charged particle dependence of the di-jet Sivers effect to isolate  $u$  and  $d$  quark contributions



# Why it is essential to map the $x$ dependence of $\Delta G$

## Inclusive $A_{LL}$ measurements ( $\pi^0$ , jet and $\gamma$ )

(Calculations provided by Jaeger, Stratmann and Vogelsang)



NLO pQCD predictions for inclusive jet,  $\pi^0$  and direct photon production. The upper two frames and the lower left frame show  $A_{LL}$  within the STAR calorimeter acceptance as a function of  $p_T$  under different assumptions for the underlying polarized gluon distribution.

The lower right frame shows the gluon  $x$ -ranges contributing to inclusive  $\pi^0$  production in p+p collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  and 500 GeV, with solid curves indicating the mean contributing  $x$ -values, and the shaded bands indicating the rms spread of contributing  $x$ -values.

Inclusive measures which do not resolve the parton kinematics only weakly constrain the range of  $x_{gluon}$  which contributes to the observed asymmetry.

**Makes interpretation sensitive to model assumptions about shape of  $\Delta G(x)$**



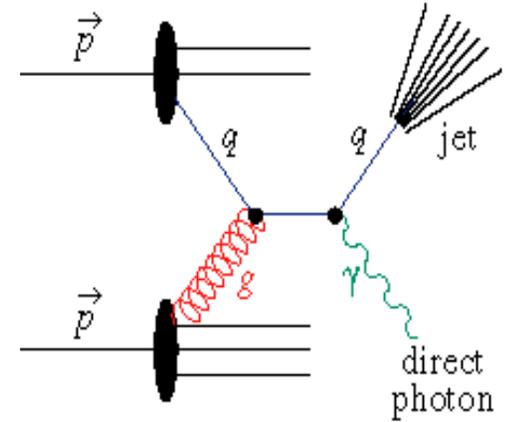
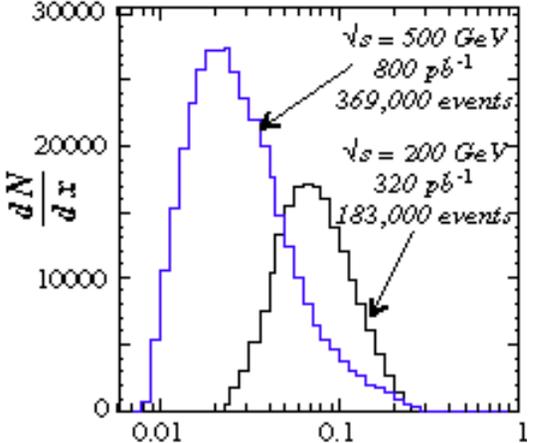
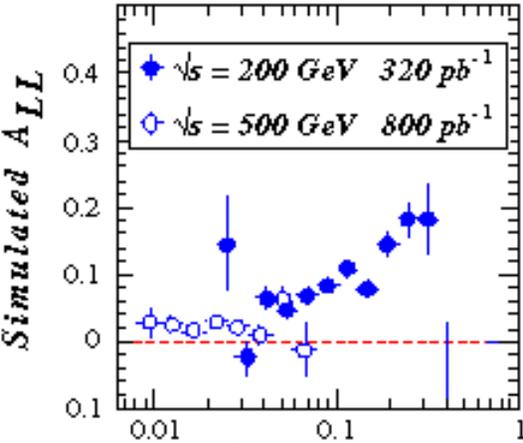
# STAR Sensitivity to $\Delta G(x)$

STAR's wide acceptance = Coincident detection of  $\gamma$  and away-side jet direction



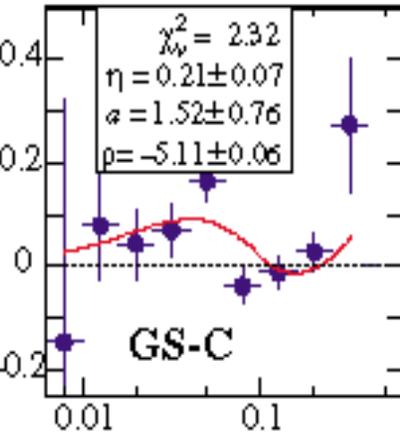
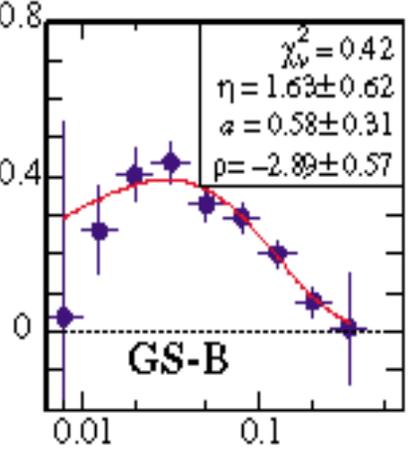
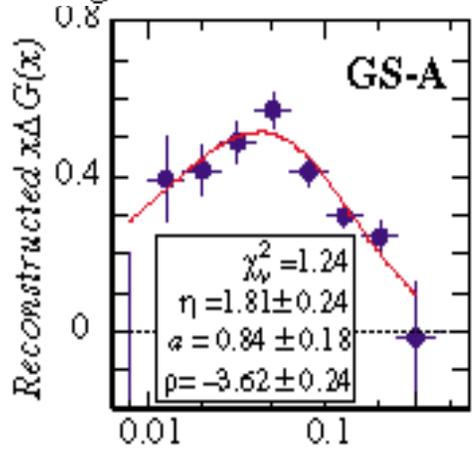
Determination of initial-state partonic kinematics.

$$\vec{p} \vec{p} \rightarrow \gamma + \text{jet} + X$$



200 and 500 GeV  
 Going to forward rapidity  
 Better sensitivity  
 Wider  $x$  range  
 to determine integral

$$\Delta G(Q^2) = \int_0^1 \Delta G(x, Q^2) dx$$

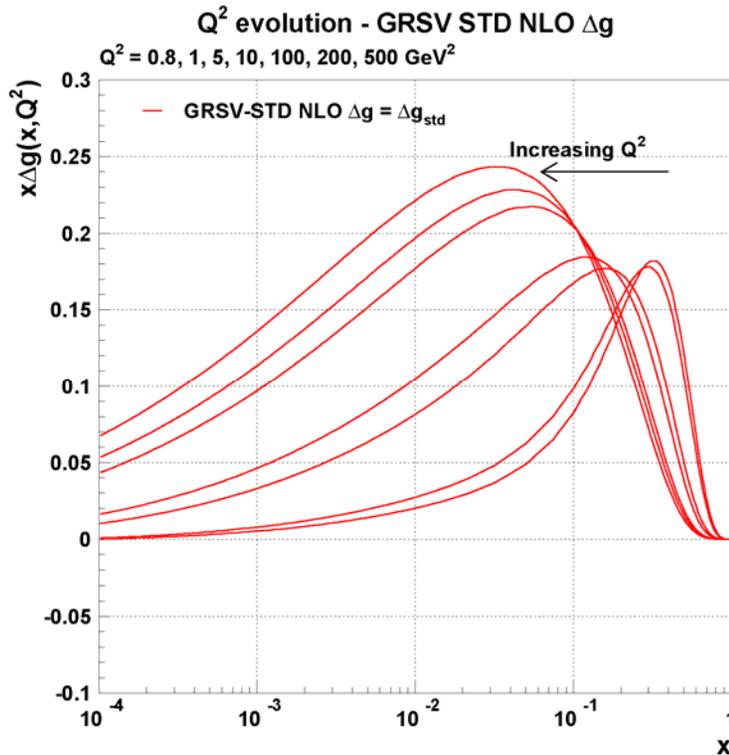




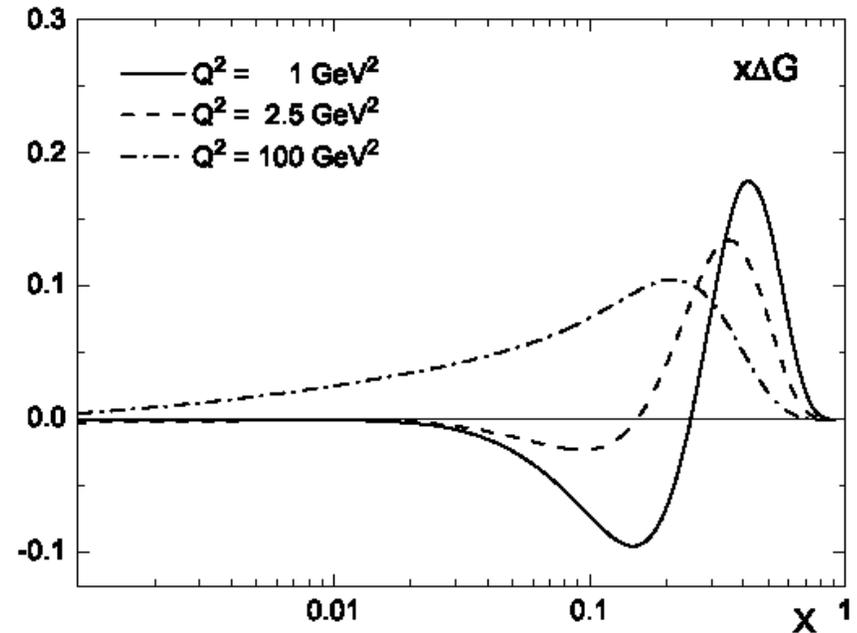
# Interpreting $\Delta g(x)$ measurements

Evolution for two recent global fits

## GRSV STD



Leader et al, hep-ph/0612360,  
“oscillating in sign solution”



- Overlapping measurements for the same  $x$  at different energies
- **Important cross-check of the entire theoretical framework**
- For example, polarized gluon distribution experiences significant evolution with  $Q^2$
- **Need detailed studies at both 200 and 500 GeV**



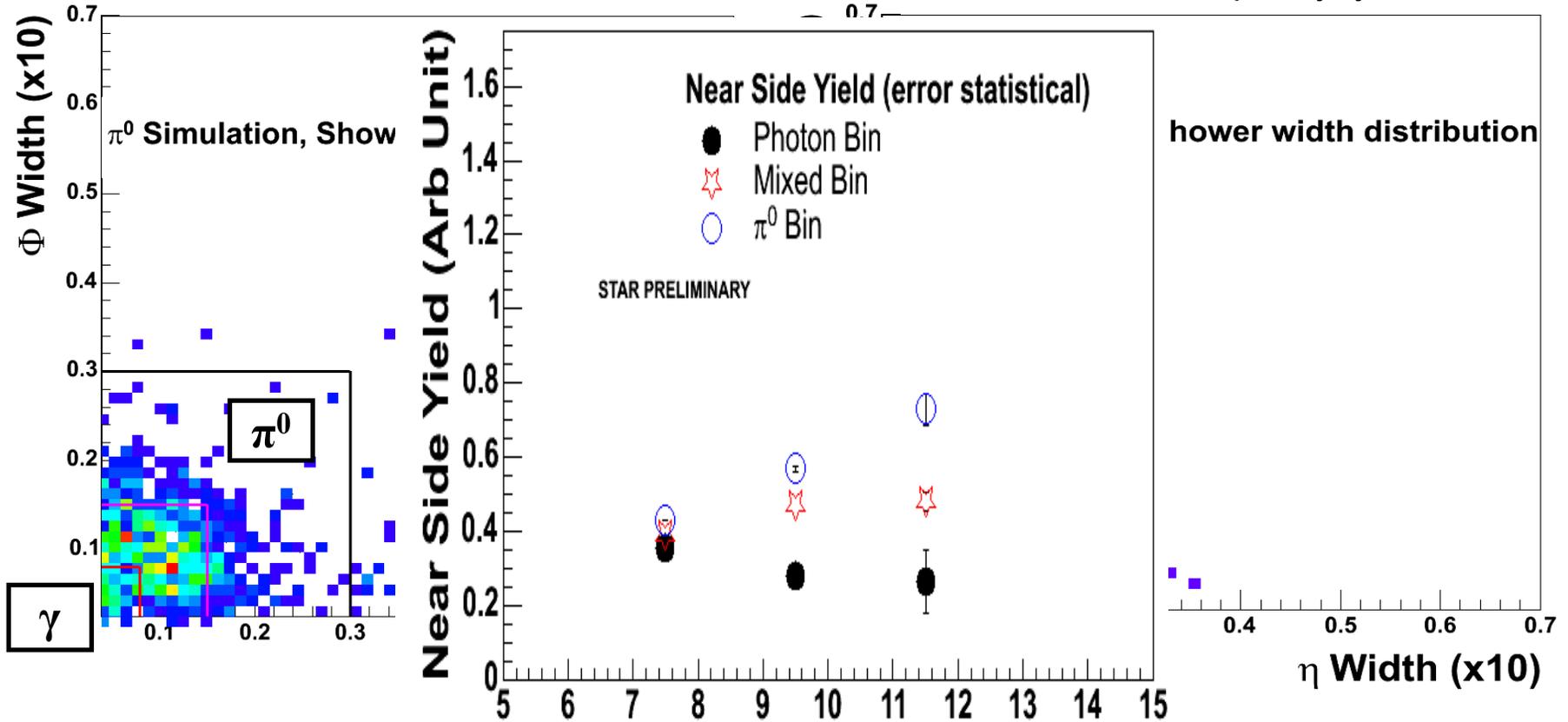
# *Work ongoing in preparation for Run 8*

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Technical issues that are being quantitatively assessed for realistic detector performance in the analysis of 2006 data and related simulations:

- (1) What levels of  $\gamma$  retention and  $\pi^0$  rejection can be attained to optimize signal/background for photon-jet coincidences?
- (2) How low in  $pT$  can direct photons be identified in the presence of a growing  $\pi^0$  background?
- (3) Does low-mass background seen to date in  $\pi^0$  reconstructions in STAR constitute an additional background for direct photon analyses?
- (4) Is an L2 coincidence trigger for  $\gamma$ -jet desirable, or will it enhance background more than signal?
- (5) How efficiently, and with what bias in extracted four-momenta, can jets be reconstructed beyond the barrel EMC region, despite the services gap ( $\eta=0.98 - 1.08$ ) and rapidly decreasing TPC tracking performance?
- (6) What trigger biases on contributing partonic processes and  $x$ -ranges are imposed by the 2006 di-jet trigger?
- (7) **What bandwidth trade-off between di-jet and gamma+jet optimizes ability to constrain  $\Delta G(x)$ ?**

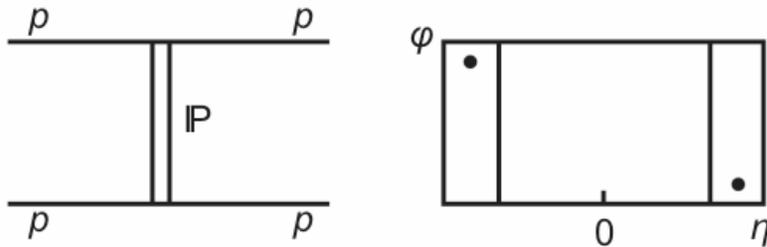
By the time of Run 8, STAR will have answers for several of these questions, --and gained considerable insight for the rest.



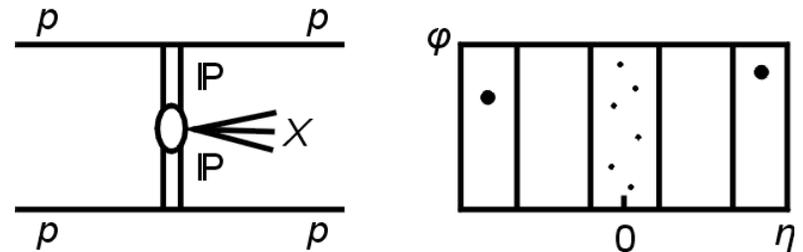
- Select  $\pi^0$  and  $\gamma$  profiles in the  $\eta$  ( $\pm 0.075$ ) charged  $p$  lower shape minimal ( $\pm 0.075$  by  $p$ )
- Examine the resulting near-side two-particle correlation strength to infer the purity of the  $\gamma$  sample.

Very encouraging, but we still have much to do!

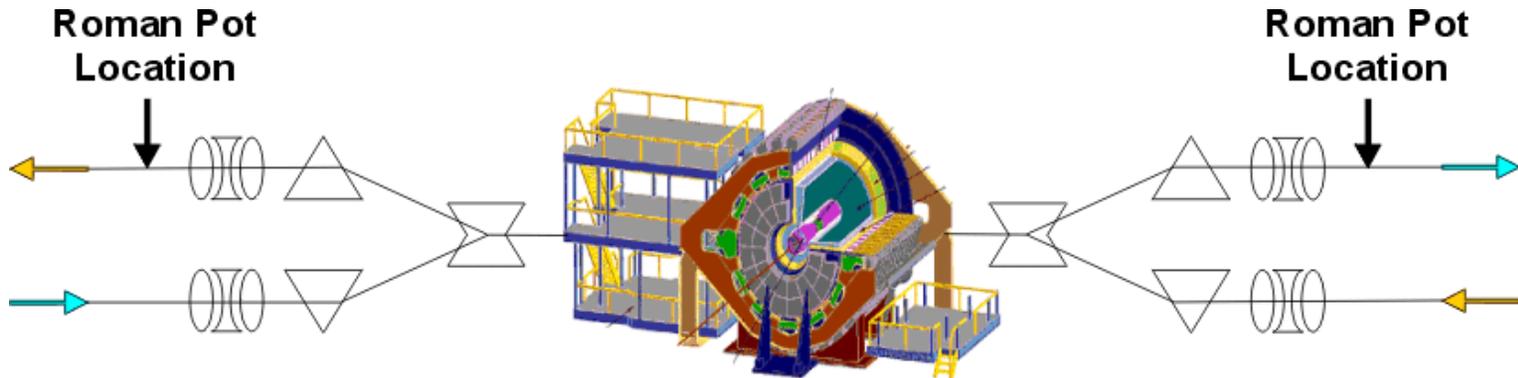
Elastic Scattering



Central Production



Need detectors to tag forward protons and detector with good acceptance and particle ID to measure central system



The Roman pots of the pp2pp experiment in the STAR interaction region, with the arrows indicating proposed location. At each location one Roman Pot station is horizontal and one vertical.



## Plan for Run 8 and Expected Performance

With a dedicated run including setup and about 40 hrs of data taking:

### 1. Elastic scattering:

- 100% acceptance for elastic scattering for  $0.003 < |t| < 0.024$ ;
- $20 \times 10^6$  elastic events:  $\Delta b = 0.31 \text{ (GeV/c)}^{-2}$ ,  $\Delta \rho = 0.01$ ,  $\Delta \sigma_{\text{tot}} = 2\text{-}3 \text{ mb}$ ;
- In four  $t$  subintervals we shall have  $5 \times 10^6$  events in each resulting in corresponding errors  $\delta A_n = 0.0017$ ,  $\delta A_{nn} = \delta A_{ss} = 0.003$ .

### 2. DPE process in Phase I: With luminosity $3 \times 10^{29} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{sec}^{-1}$ we estimate:

- About  $4 \cdot 10^6$  events with the proton tag, proton in either pot, of the order of the ISR experiment.
- $4.5 \cdot 10^5$  DPE events with fully reconstructed proton momentum.



## *The Physics Driving Run 9*

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- Qualitative advance in the study of resonances including both their hadronic and leptonic decays
- Extended precision in measurement of correlations of hadrons with non-photon electrons from D, B semi-leptonic decays
- Completion of initial map at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV of the x dependence of gluon polarization in the proton,  $\Delta G(x)$

In addition to the completed FMS, significant implementation of DAQ1000 and the STAR TOF barrel are expected to be available in Run 9. These upgrades will provide a qualitative advance in STAR detector capability for heavy ion studies.

The STAR SVT+SSD will be removed prior to Run 9  $\rightarrow$  minimal mass interior to the STAR TPC inner field cage

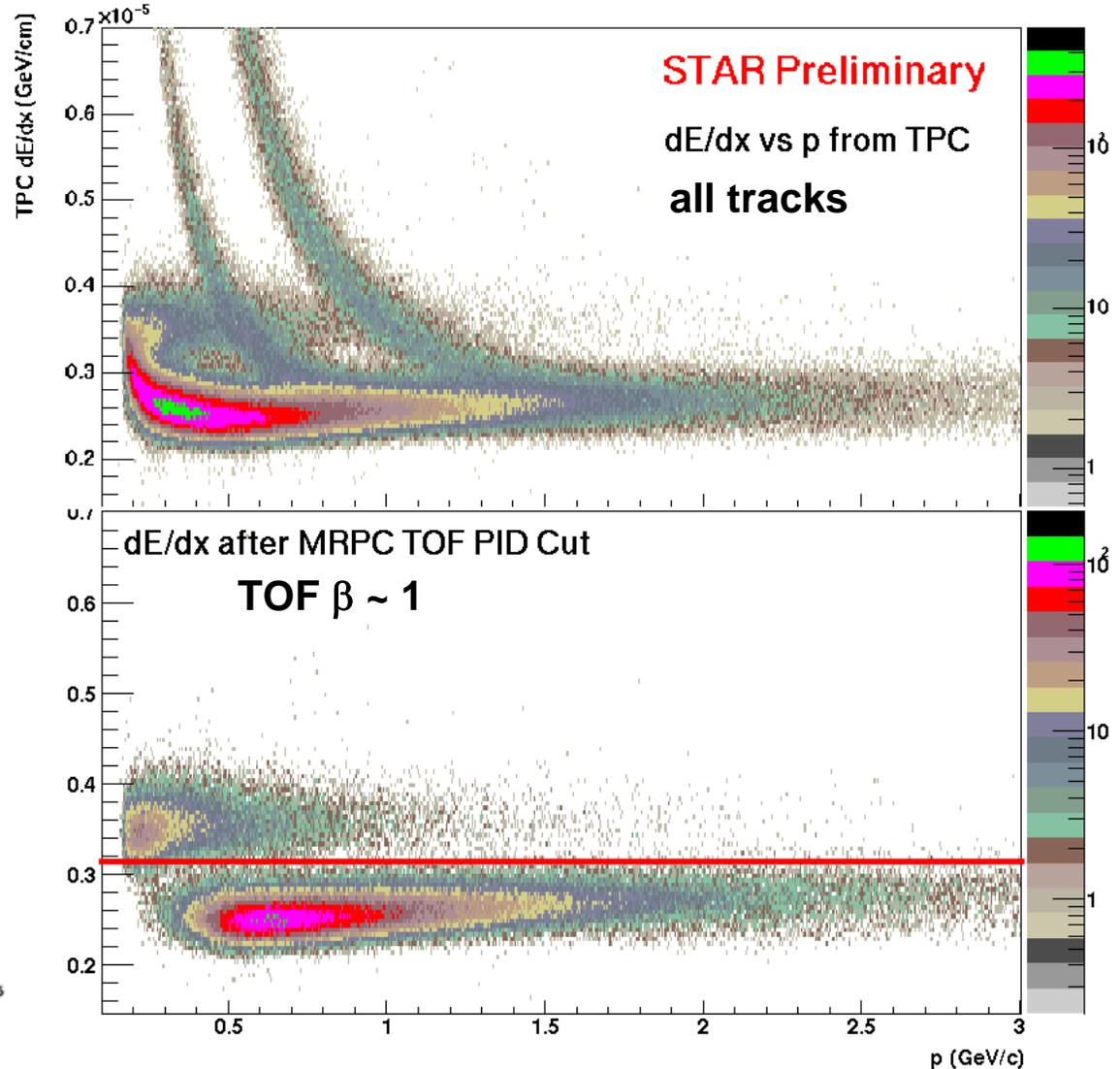
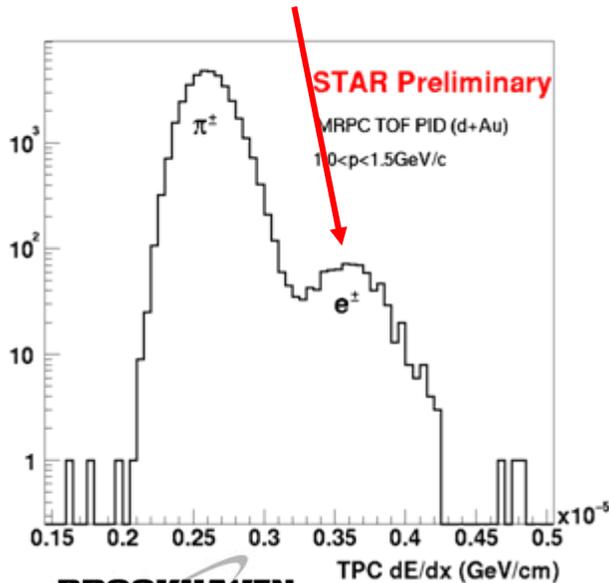
The STAR Forward GEM Tracker will not be available for Run 9 making  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV running for  $W^\pm$  studies much, much less efficient than in Run 10



# A new physics horizon in STAR provided by the TOF upgrade: electrons at intermediate $p_T$

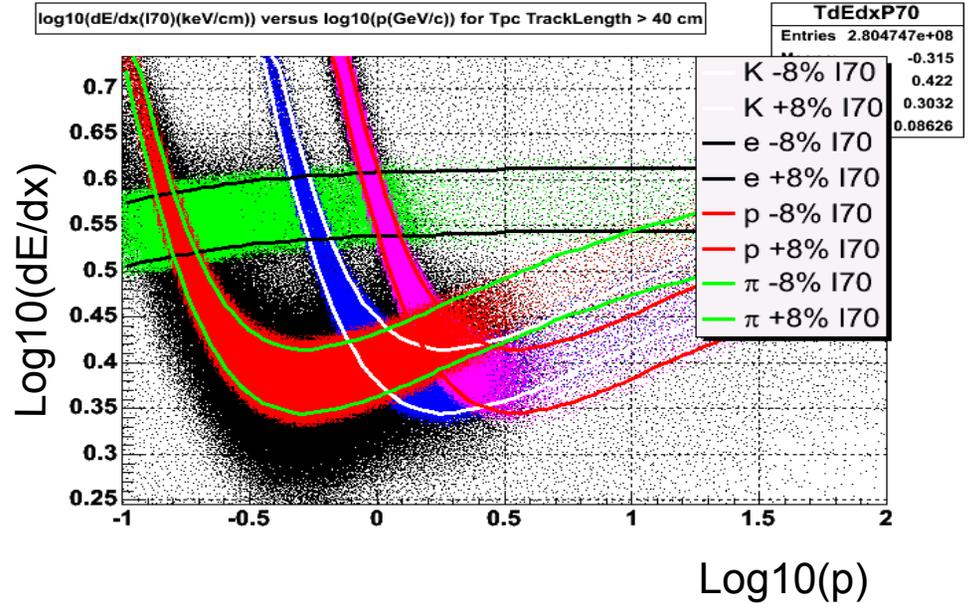
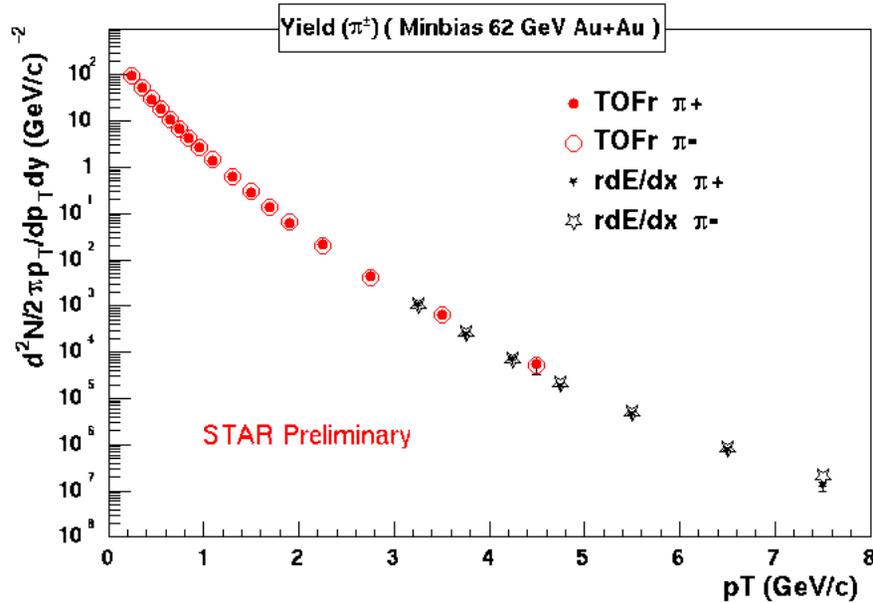
One entirely new physics horizon opened in STAR by the TOF upgrade..

charmonium  
open charm  
vector mesons





# Extending STAR Particle ID



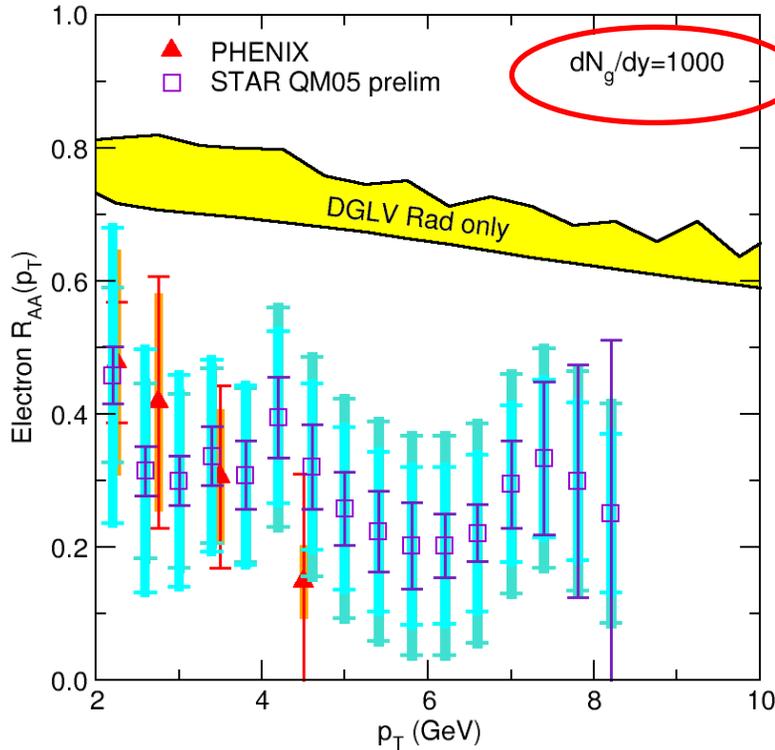
Methods paper submitted to NIM A, nucl-ex/0505026.  
Results to 12 GeV in Au+Au

- TPC:
  - Pion: 0-~0.6GeV/c
  - Kaon: 0.2-~0.6GeV/c
  - Proton: 0.2-~1 GeV/c
- TOF:
  - Pion: 0.2-~1.6GeV/c
  - Kaon: 0.2-~1.6GeV/c
  - Proton: 0.2-~3 GeV/c
- TPC+TOF:
  - Pion: 0.-~10 GeV/c
  - Kaon: 0.2-~3GeV/c
  - Proton: 0.2-~? GeV/c

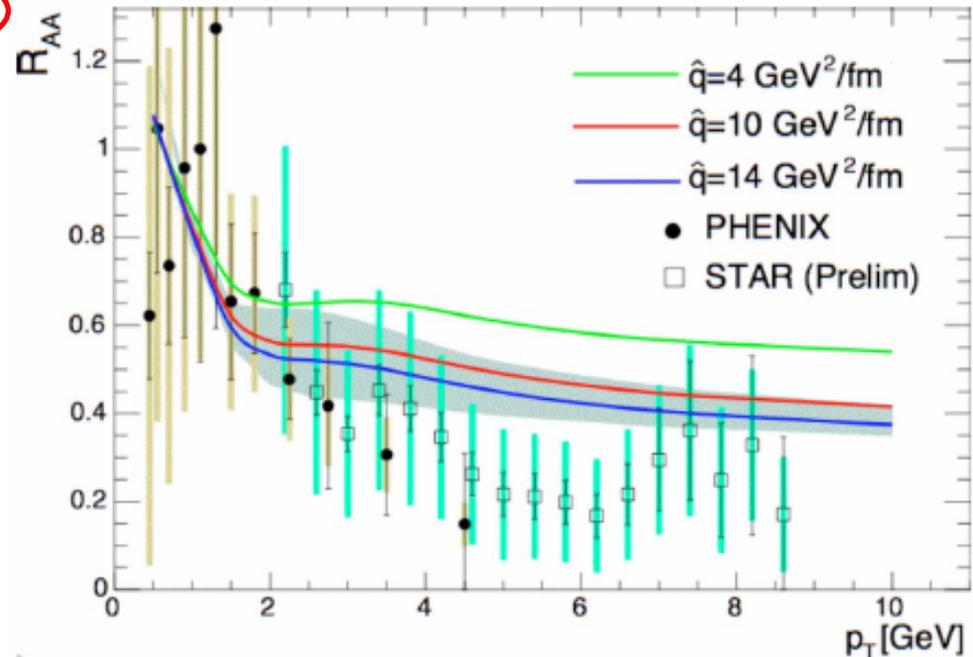


# Heavy flavor suppression via $b, c \rightarrow e+X$

S.Wicks et al., nucl-th/0512076



Armesto et al., Phys.Lett.B637:362-366,2006

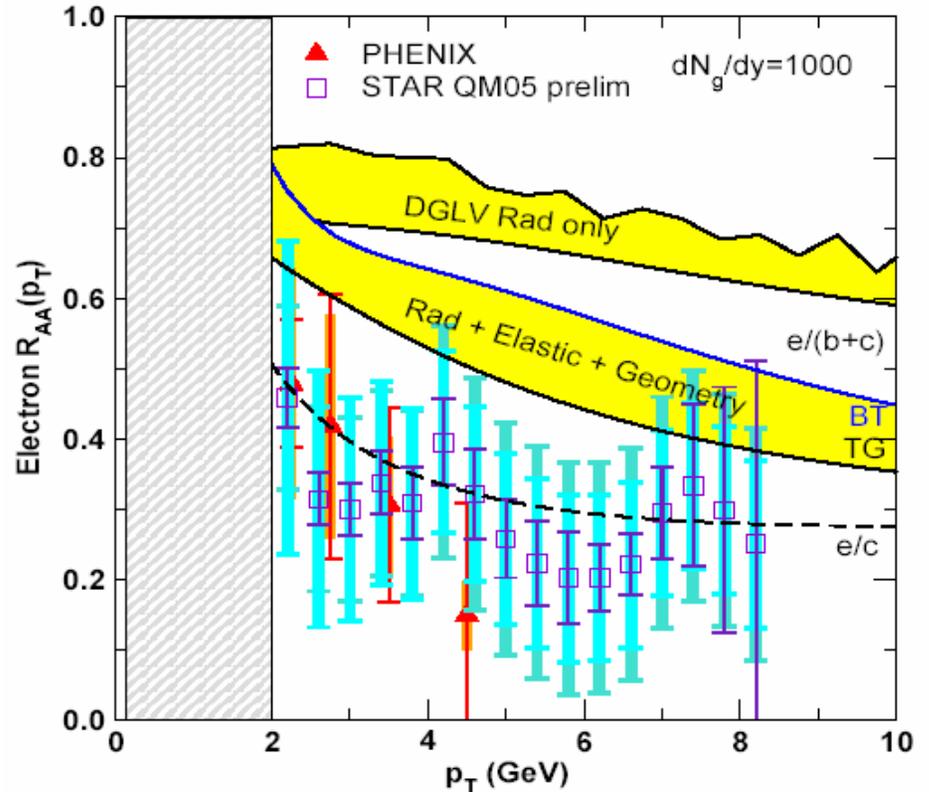
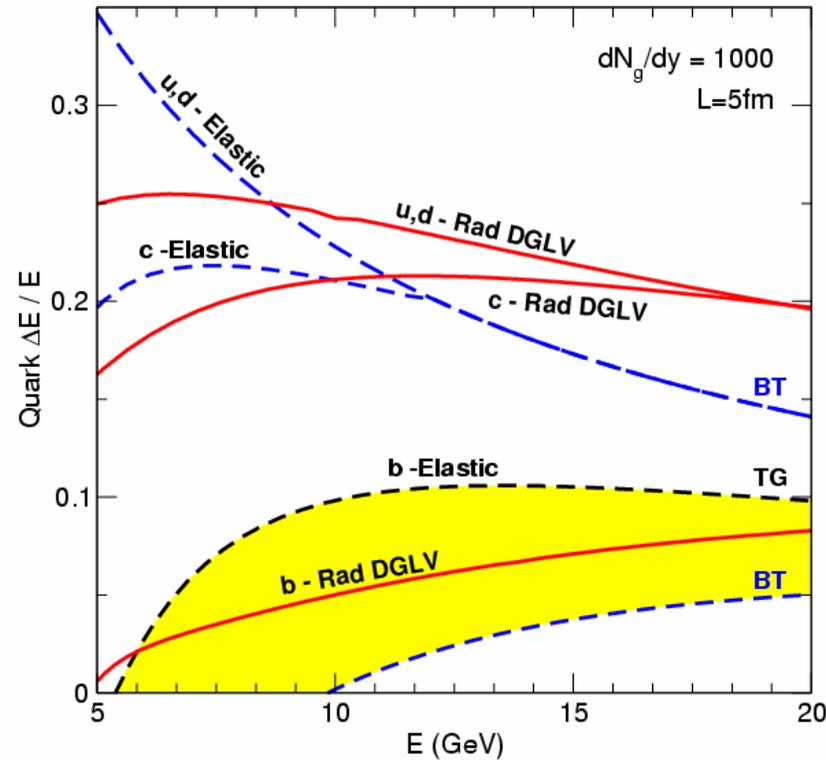


$R_{AA}(\text{non-photonic electrons}) \sim 0.2 \sim R_{AA}(\pi^0) !!$

Gluon density/ $\hat{q}$  constrained by light quark suppression+entropy density (multiplicity)

- ⇒ under-predicts electron suppression
- ⇒ charm vs beauty? elastic energy loss? ...?

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Elastic  $\Delta E$  comparable to Radiative  $\Delta E$  – not negligible

Elastic  $\Delta E$  important even for light quarks

$\Rightarrow$  revisit energy density estimates?

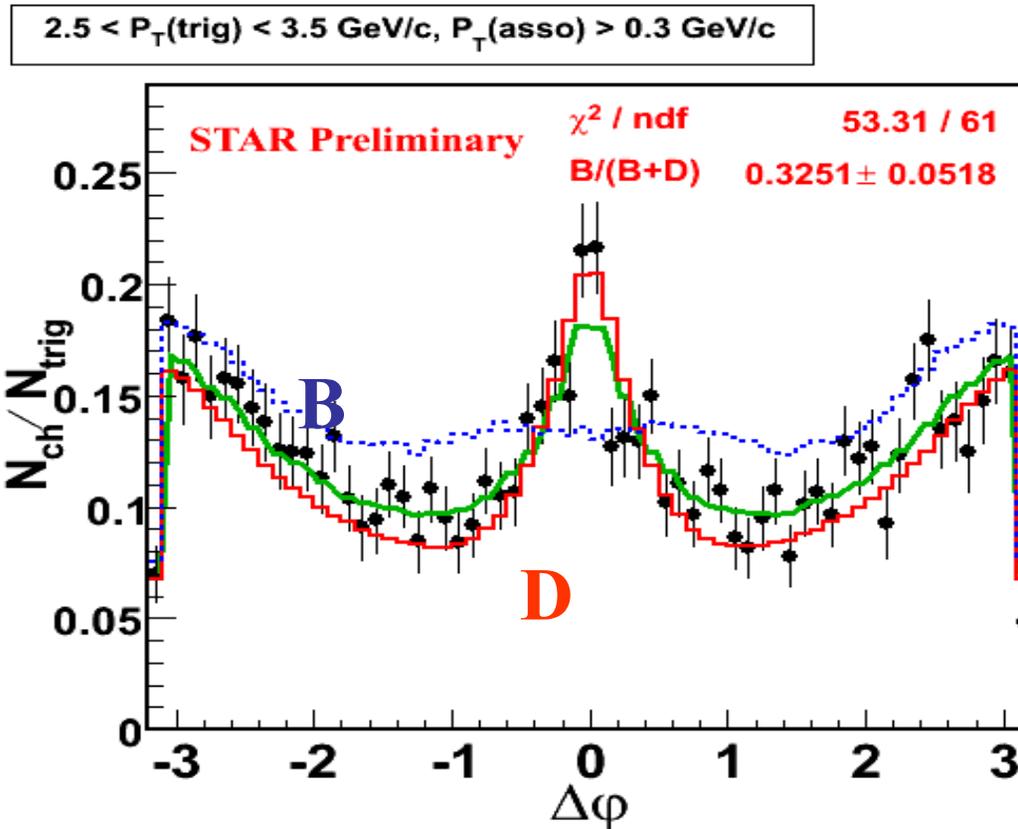


## What's the Real c and b Contribution to NPE's ?

- Measure azimuthal correlations between electron and charged hadron (e-h correlations)
- Measure electron from charm contribution at  $p_T > 3$  GeV/c through  $D^0 \rightarrow e^+ K^- X$  (e-K correlations)
- Measure azimuthal correlations of electron and charm mesons (e- $D^0$  correlations)

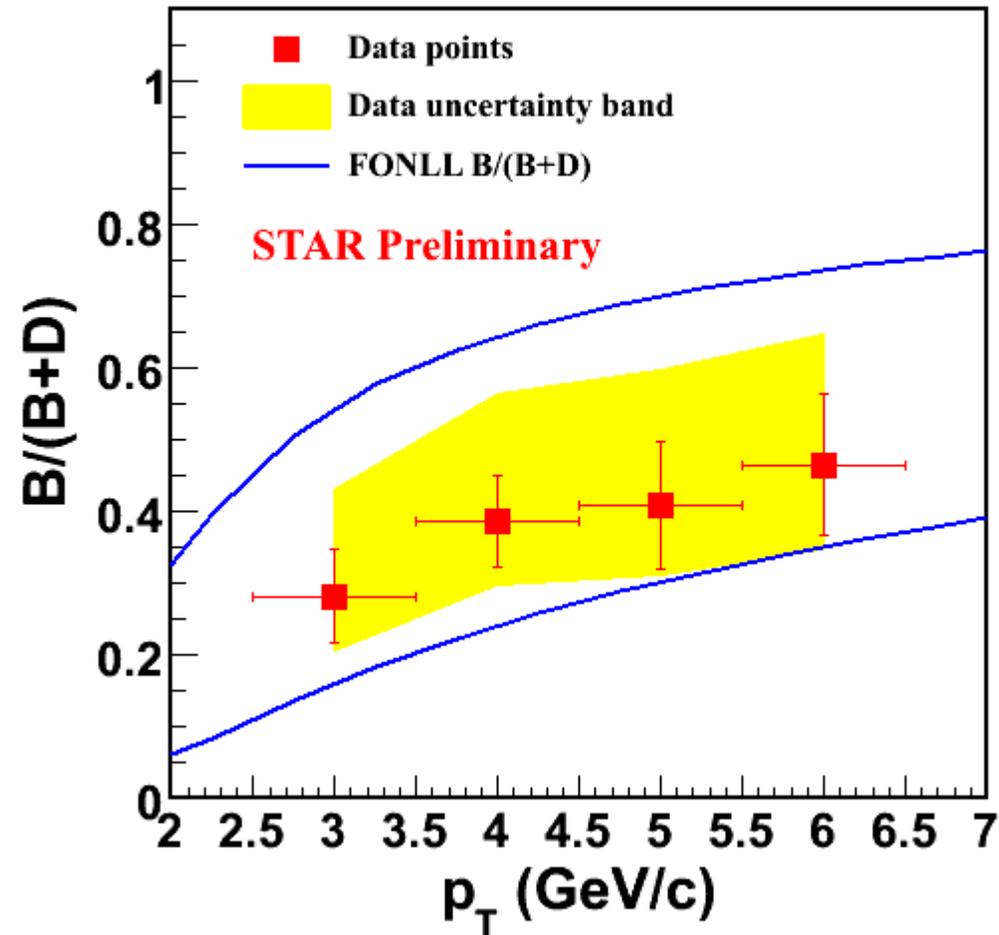
These studies significantly enhanced by the near-zero mass configuration and enhanced PID (from TOF) available in Run 9

# Using PYTHIA Curves to Fit Data Points



Fit function:  $R \cdot \text{PYTHIA}_B + (1-R) \cdot \text{PYTHIA}_D$

R is B contribution, i.e.  $B/(B+D)$ , as a parameter in fit function.



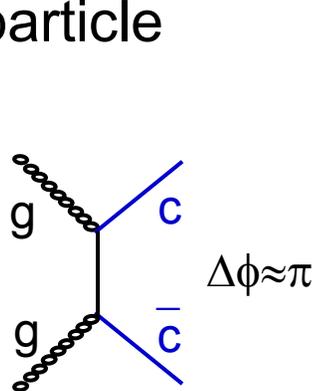
- Data uncertainty includes statistical errors and systematic uncertainties from:

photonic background reconstruction efficiency (*dominant*).

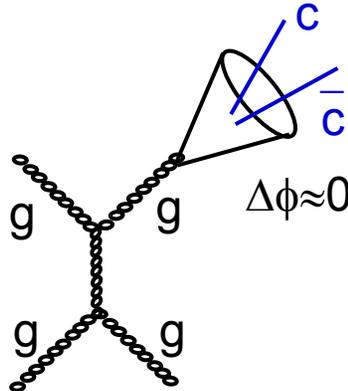
difference introduced by different fit functions.

- Preliminary data is within the range that FONLL calculation predicts.
- Non-zero B contribution is observed.

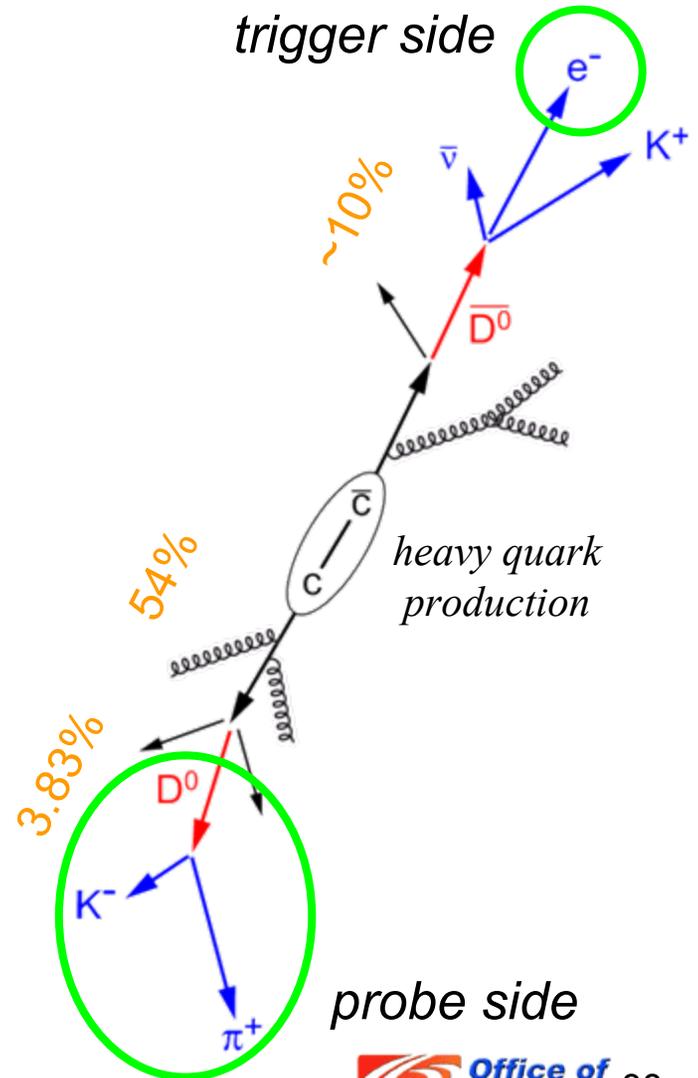
- Experimental approach
  - non-photonic electrons from semi-leptonic charm decays are used to **trigger** on c-cbar pairs
  - back-2-back  $D^0$  mesons are reconstructed via their hadronic decay channel (**probe**)
- **Underlying production mechanism** can be identified using second charm particle



flavor creation

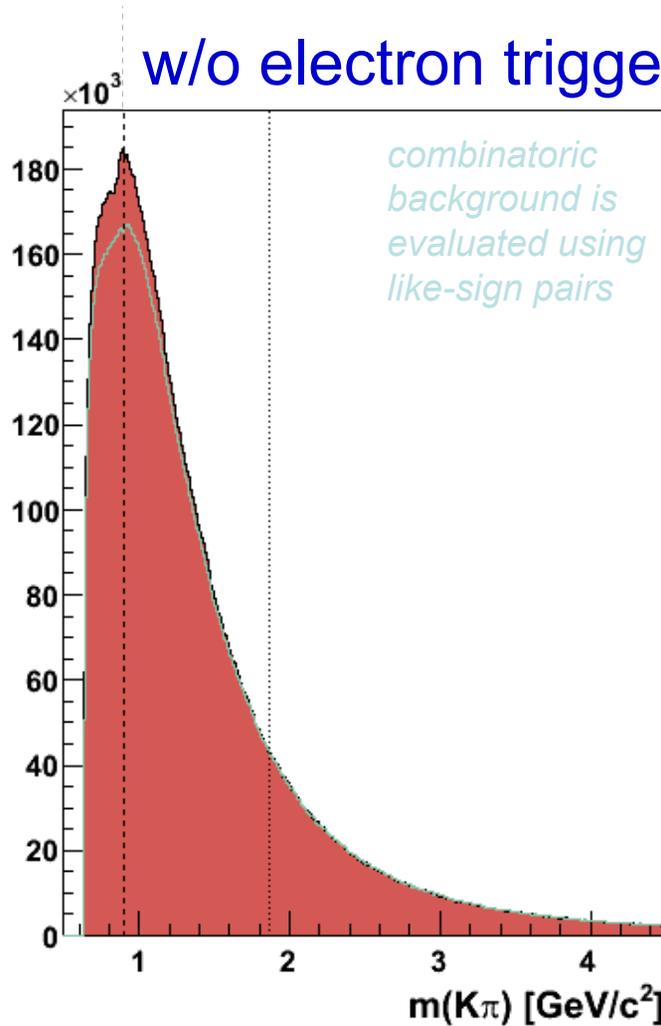


gluon splitting/fragmentation

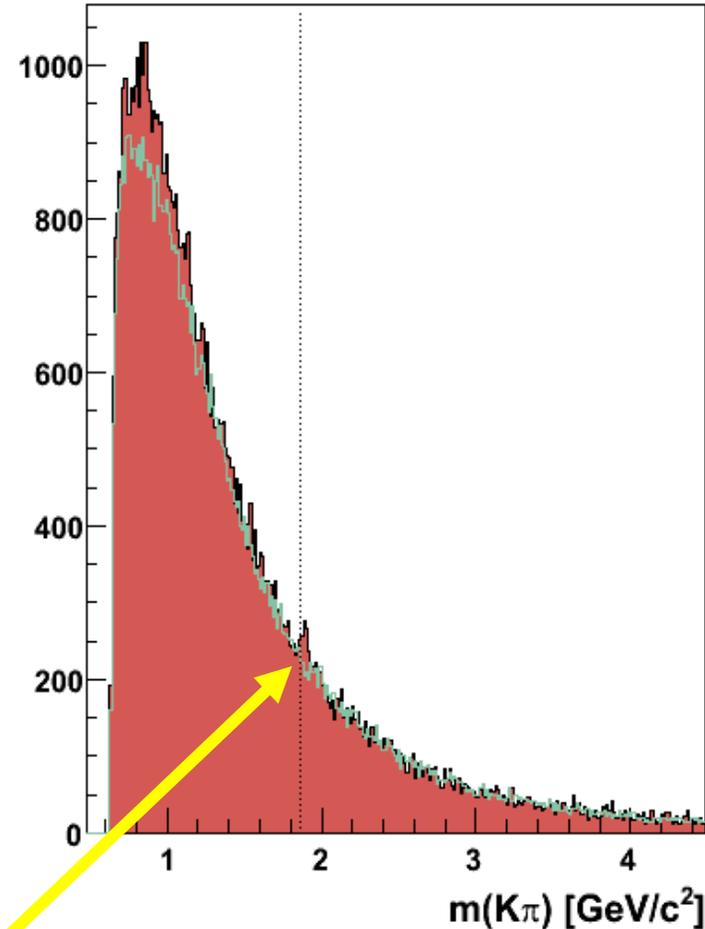


# (K $\pi$ ) Invariant Mass Distribution

w/o electron trigger



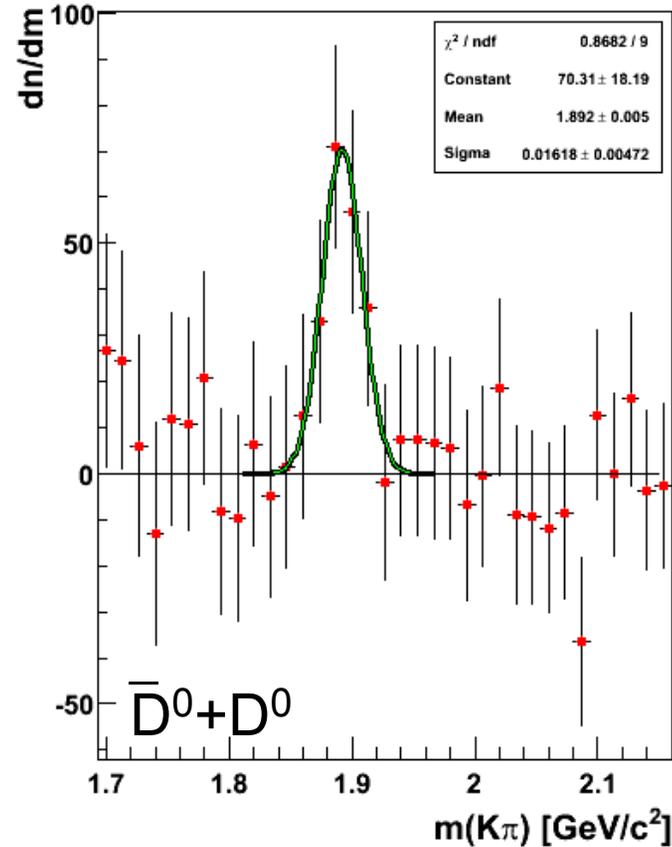
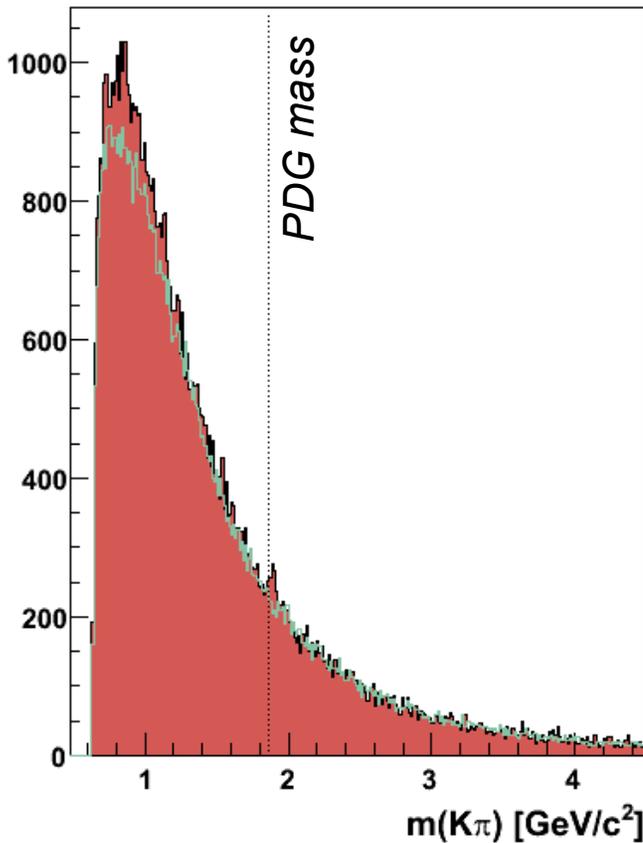
w/ electron trigger



Clear D<sup>0</sup> signal w/o background subtraction

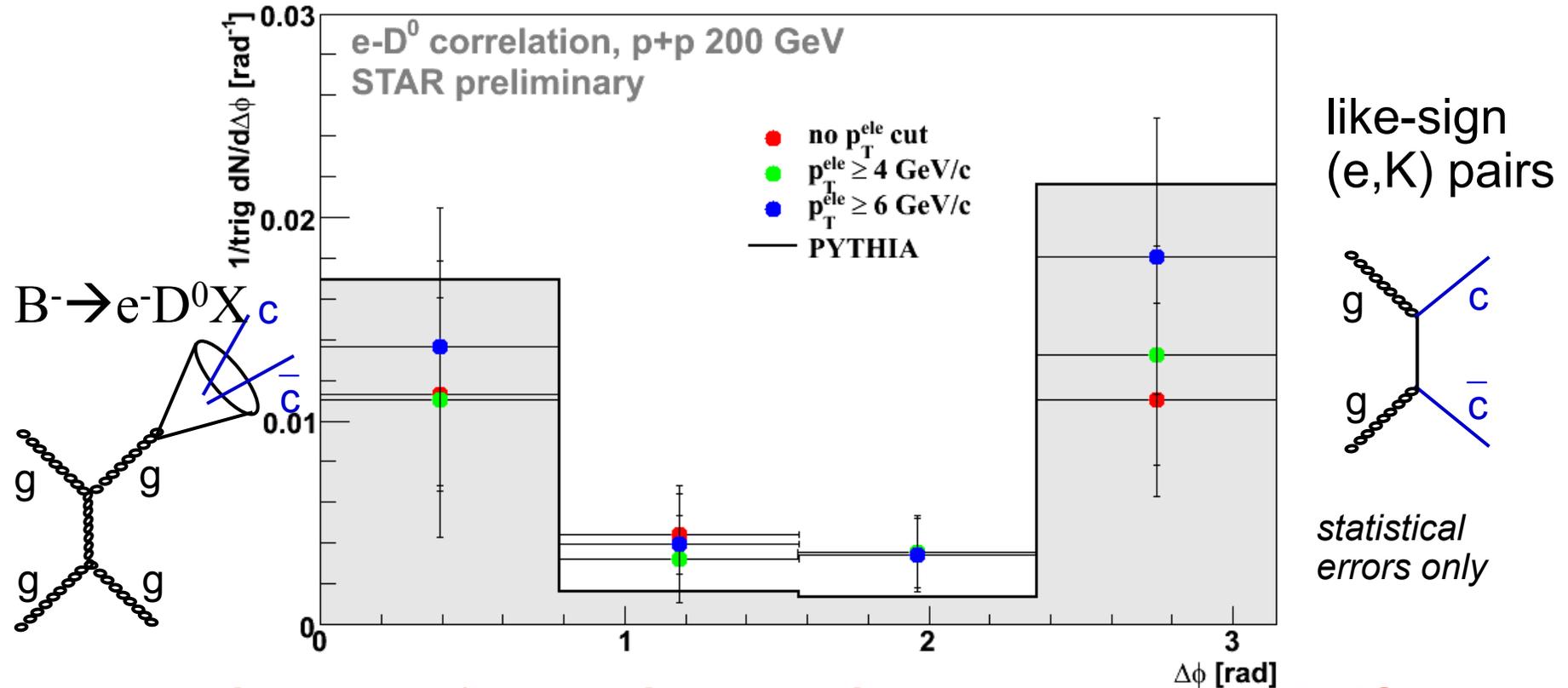


# D<sup>0</sup> Mesons in p+p Collisions



- $S/B = 1/7$  ( $\sim 1/600$  in d+Au w/o trigger)  $\rightarrow$  factor  $\sim 100$  better
- Significance = 3.7
- Peak content  $\sim 200$

# $e$ - $D^0$ Azimuthal Correlation Distribution



**First heavy flavor pair correlation measurement at RHIC!!**

Data analysis and simulation are going on to interpret the signal observed.



# *The Physics Driving Run 10*

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- Definitive results on the existence/location of the QCD Critical Point
- Continuation of  $\Delta G(x)$  map below  $x_{BJ} \sim 0.03$
- First measurement of flavor dependence of sea quark / anti-quark polarization in the proton

The above polarized proton goals anticipate the first significant run for spin physics at  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV in Run 10

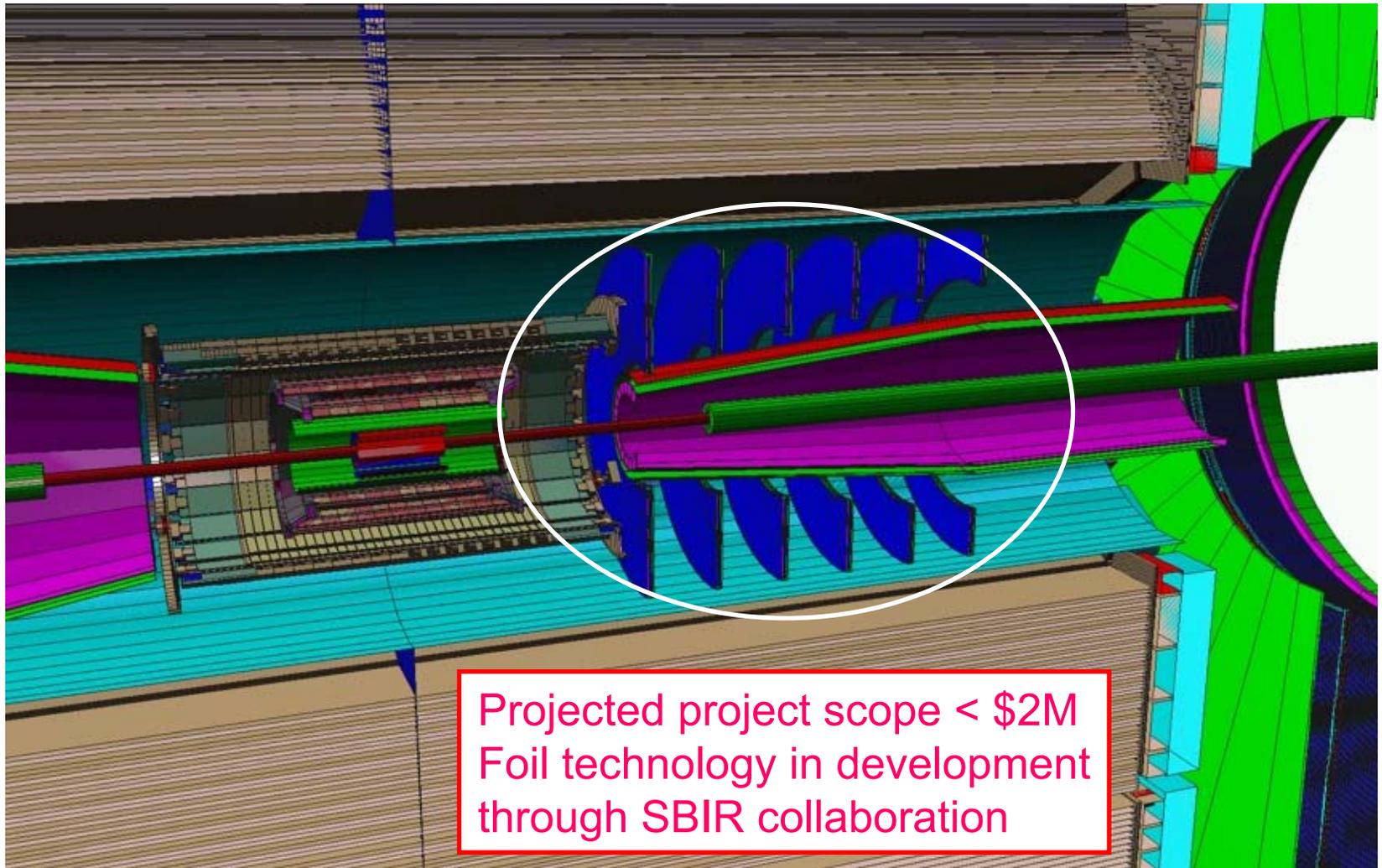
In addition to the completed FMS, The STAR DAQ1000 upgrade, the full TOF barrel and the Forward GEM Tracker are expected to be complete in time for Run 10.

The completed TOF barrel is crucial for the QCD critical point search

The Forward GEM Tracker is crucial for studying  $W^\pm$  decays

“Serious”  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV commissioning time required prior to this run

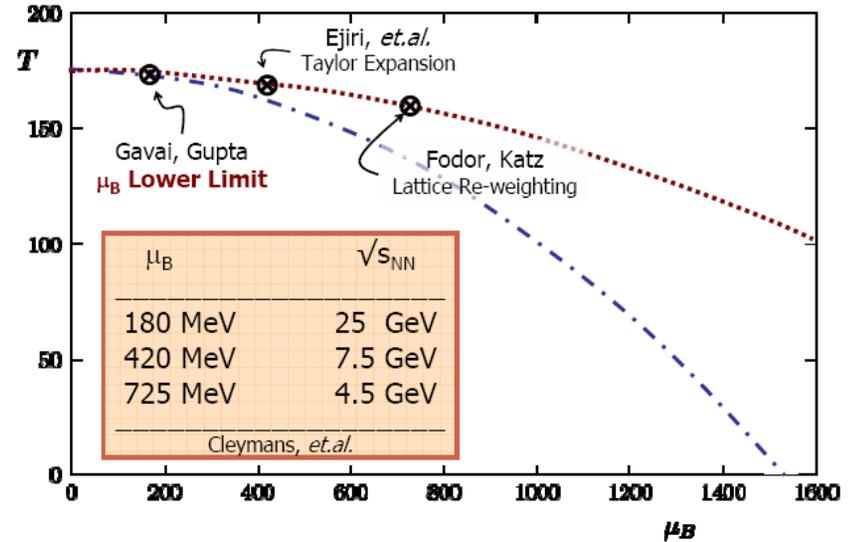
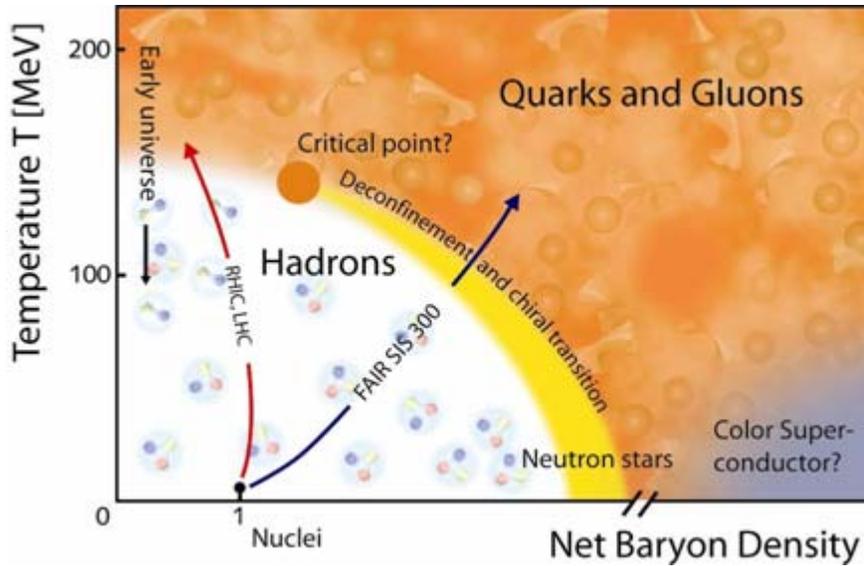
# Forward GEM Tracker



Layout of the Forward GEM Tracker, consisting of six triple-GEM detector disks



# Does a QCD Critical Point Exist? If so, where?



Available results from LQCD suggest that at non-vanishing chemical potential, as the temperature of dense hadronic matter increases it should undergo a rapid transition from a hadron resonance gas to a quark-gluon plasma signaled by a sudden change in the equation of state. As the baryon chemical potential is increased, the fluctuations on the cross-over line increase dramatically suggesting the existence of a critical point in the phase diagram.

The location of the QCD Critical Point, if it exists, remains a matter for experiment



# STAR Capabilities for QCD Critical Point Study

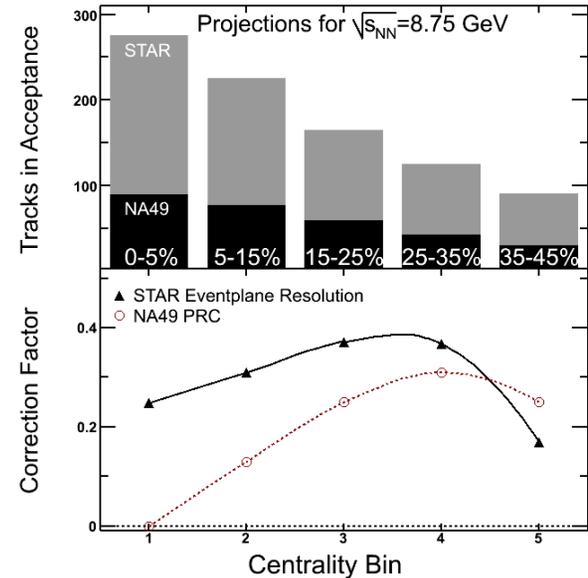
Because of its  $2\pi$  acceptance and excellent PID (with complete TOF by Run 10) STAR is an ideal detector this study.

Triggering efficiently appears feasible

impact parameter	AuAu @ 5 GeV		AuAu @ 8.75 GeV	
	BBC Inner	BBC Outer	BBC Inner	BBC Outer
$b < 0$	5	27	12	54
$3 < b < 6$	11	30	21	57
$6 < b < 9$	22	35	39	40

Particle hit multiplicities in the STAR Beam-Beam counters for low  $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$  Au+Au running

Low luminosity and beam background will still present challenges



Simulation of the event plane resolution in STAR vs NA49 for comparable centrality bins ( $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 8.75$  GeV Au+Au (Pb+Pb)).

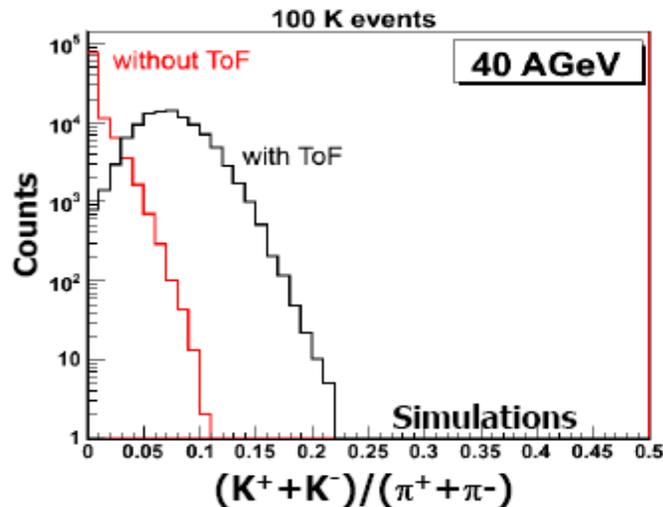
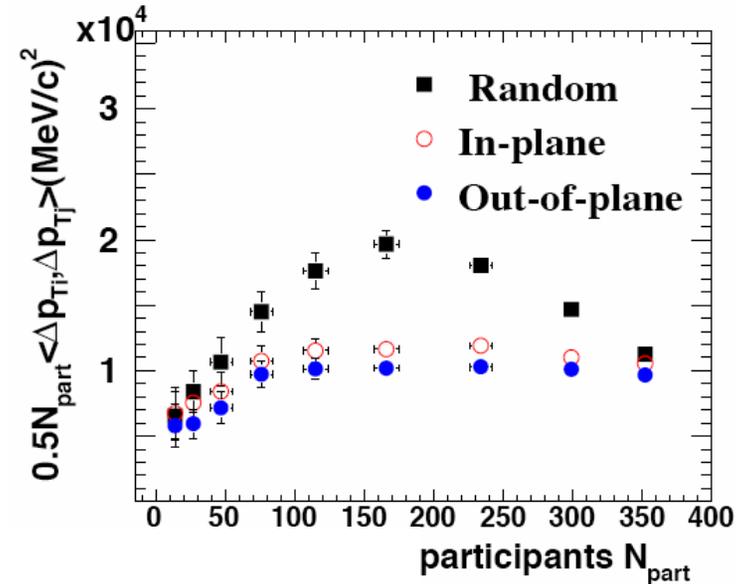
Large  $2\pi$  acceptance important for these studies



# Importance of acceptance and PID

Contribution of elliptic flow to the apparent magnitude of  $\langle \Delta p_{Ti} \Delta p_{Tj} \rangle$  fluctuations for particles within

- 45 degrees of the event plane (red),
- 45 degrees of the out-of-plane direction (blue),
- a detector with partial angular coverage when the event plane is unknown (black). (Fluctuations are overestimated because the event plane is fluctuating randomly in, out, and within the acceptance.)



Study, based on 100,000 simulated events of the statistical and systematic uncertainties with and without the PID capability of the STAR TOF

## Full Barrel TOF is Crucial

Misidentification of only 1% leading to a swapping of pions for kaons reduces the width of the observed  $k/p_i$  fluctuation distribution by 10%. A misidentification of 2% leads to a reduction in width of 20%.

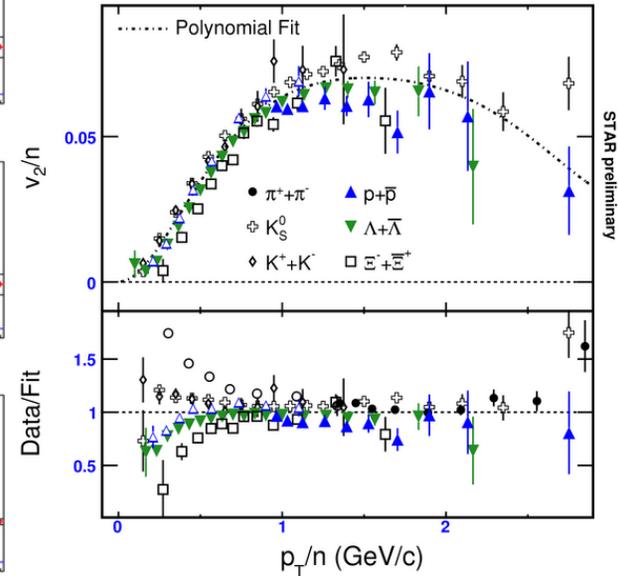
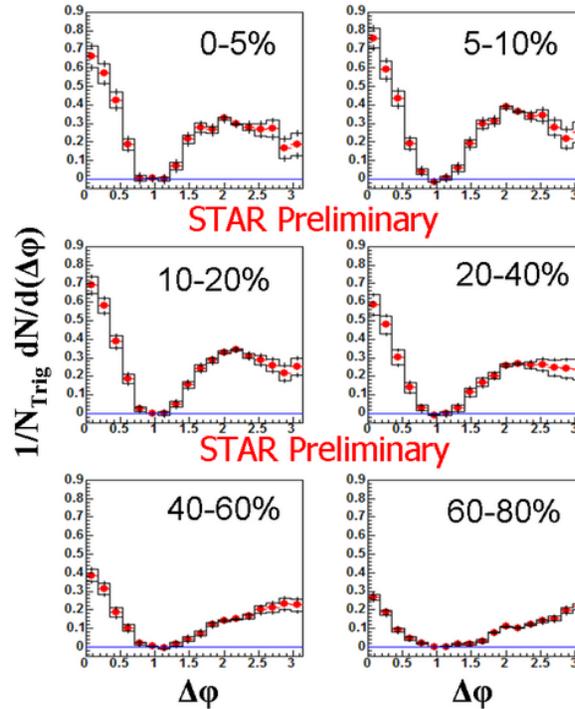
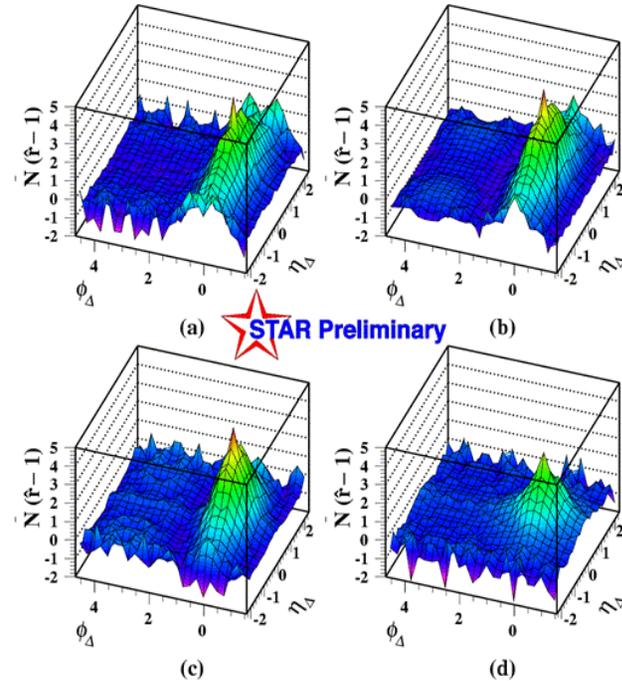


# Upgraded Detector Capability in Run 10

Two particle correlations at low  $p_T$

Two (3) particle correlations at intermediate  $p_T$

Constituent-quark-scaled  $v_2$  at intermediate  $p_T$



Further examples of the types of measurements which will make a major advance with the combination of upgraded PID capability and increased DAQ throughput in Run 10



# Conclusions

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- The STAR Collaboration strongly believes the proposed plan will provide for qualitative advances in our understanding of the nucleon, the nucleus, and dense QCD matter in a way that makes maximal use of RHIC beams and STAR/RHIC capability as it develops
- STAR maintains this is an optimal plan for maximizing the scientific impact and discovery potential in the next 3 years
- The completion of the initial  $\Delta G(x)$  map at  $\sqrt{s} = 200$  GeV before moving on to  $\sqrt{s} = 500$  GeV is important to allow sufficient statistics to elucidate the  $Q^2$  evolution between these energies, and to make efficient use of the higher energy once the Forward GEM Tracker has been installed.



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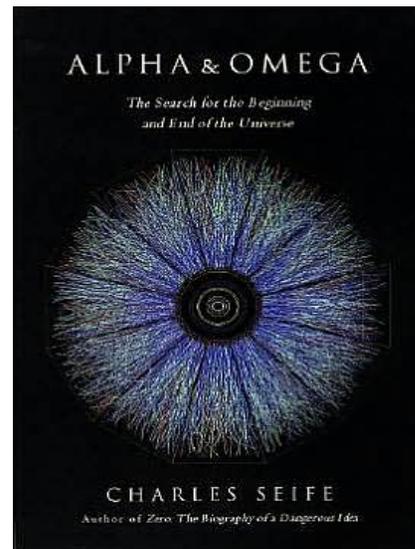
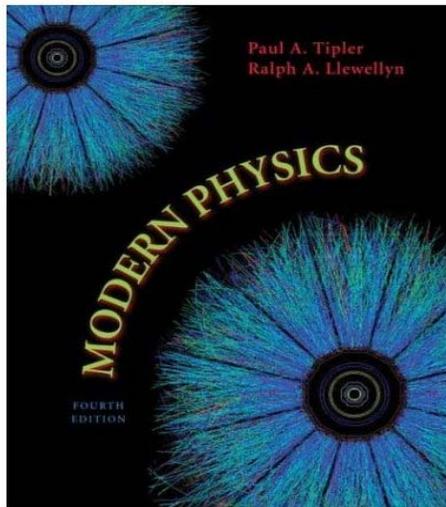
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Hallman, BNL PAC, 3/29/2006



## Status of STAR: a growing publication record

- **39** Physical Review Letters
- **27** Physical Review C
- **10** Physics Letters B / J. Physics G / Nuclear Physics A /PRD
- **4,690** Citations
- **11** “Very well known” (topcite) Papers with  $>100$ ,  $< 250$  citations
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